

BOOK REVIEWS

BLOOD PRESSURE IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY. By EDWARD H. GOODMAN, M.D., Associate in Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. 12mo, 226 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and New York: Lea and Febiger, 1914.

The author has succeeded in this work in putting before the practitioner of medicine and surgery a brief, clear and authoritative book on the subject of blood pressure. In it one finds the physics and physiology of the subject sufficiently elaborated to convey an understanding of the principles. This is followed by successive chapters devoted to hyper- and hypotension; blood pressure in cardiovascular, renal, infectious and nervous diseases. Chapters are also given on blood pressure phenomena in obstetrics and in surgery, as well as conditions arising from disturbances in the gastro-intestinal tract and the internal secretory glands. The monograph is closed with chapters on the effect of drugs and other therapeutic measures on blood pressure and on the treatment of hyper- and hypotension. The style is simple and direct and the introduction of many illustrative diagrams forms an important feature of the work.

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RADIUM AND RADIOTHERAPY. By WILLIAM S. NEWCOMET, M.D., Professor of Röntgenology and Radiology, Temple University, Medical Department. 12mo, 315 pages, with 71 illustrations and 1 plate. Philadelphia and New York: Lea and Febiger, 1914.

In view of the extraordinary interest which has developed lately in the subject of radio-active substances, it is of interest to have the present knowledge on the subject brought together under one cover. In this small volume the author has first considered the question of what radium actually is, its nature, physics and chemistry; while the second part of the book details its use in all the diseases in which it has been found of value and gives full directions for its application.

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