

## REVIEWS OF BOOKS

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ON SOME FORMS OF PARALYSIS FROM PERIPHERAL NEURITIS.—By  
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The basis of this little book consists of the lectures which were delivered by the author in 1885 at the Harveian Society in London, and which afterwards appeared in the pages of the *Lancet*. The subject is one, of course, which is almost purely medical, and as such scarcely comes within the domain of surgical literature. Despite, however, this fact, many details will be found in the pages devoted to the discussion of the influence of gout, alcohol and diphtheria in the production of peripheral neuritis, which will be interesting to the surgeon. The protean forms in which gout presents itself makes the treatment of the disease a surgical, as well as a medical matter, and Dr. Buzzard, referring to the question of the possibility of gout causing neuritis, to which reference was made by Mr. Hutchinson in his Bowman lecture, states, "I have very little doubt that neuritis is not seldom due to the presence of gout; the difficulty of proof is, of course, extremely great. I cannot lay claim to adduce anything which is absolutely positive upon this point, but some clinical observations, and especially certain electrical examinations which I have made appear to lend considerable strength to this view." The book abounds with the notes of interesting cases which have come under the observation of the author. and some concise remarks upon the diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of the various forms of this disease, complete a useful and instructive monograph upon a subject which, to say the least is an attractive one, notwithstanding, the obscurity in which some of its points are involved.

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