

THE MEDICAL CLINICS OF NORTH AMERICA. New York Number. Vol. IV. Pp. 1637; Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, March, 1921.

THE March number of *The Medical Clinics* contains some very interesting case reports by prominent clinicians of New York City. In all, there are nineteen authors who have contributed to this number. The articles are well presented, and deal with conditions and diseases which are of unusual interest for the most part. The clinic of Dr. Longcope and that of Dr. Mosenthal seem particularly timely to the reviewer. Dr. Geyelin and Dr. Rosenthal also add two very valuable contributions. Dr. Draper, as always, writes very interestingly, but seems to delight in wandering off from the beaten track into the vague mazes of diseases of the endocrines.

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HISTORY AND BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ANATOMIC ILLUSTRATIONS. BY LUDWIG CHOULANT; translated and edited by MORTIMER FRANK, B.S., M.D., late attending Ophthalmologist, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago. Pp. 435; 100 illustrations. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1920.

THIS is a book which everyone interested in anatomy must wish to possess. It is a fascinating study of anatomic illustration, a history of anatomy in pictures, and will be of unflinching interest. From the crude drawings of the thirteenth century to Rembrandt's well-known anatomy lesson is an instructive survey of human development and advancement. It seems hardly credible that the misshapen and grotesque efforts of the early illustrators were made by beings of the same race as the beautiful and correct drawings of da Vinci, of Jan van Calcar, the illustrator of Vesalius, and of H. V. Carter, the illustrator of Gray.

This grouping of the illustrator's art serves again to point out the great advance which was marked by the appearance of the Vesalian treatise. Short biographies being given, one may easily pass from century to century, and Dr. F. H. Garrison's note in the appendices brings us down to our own day and Professor G. A. Piersol's *Anatomy* with its excellent illustrations by the Fabers.

Since Choulant's day, the whole field of microscopic anatomy has opened, and it is strange to think that he was one of those who bitterly opposed the introduction of pathologic anatomy.

Dr. Frank's translation, so carefully edited and annotated, is a noteworthy achievement. We only regret that he did not live to enjoy the success and appreciation which his work has gained. The University of Chicago issues this edition as "The Mortimer Frank Memorial." In it a difficult and little known book has been made easily accessible.

W. H. F. A.

**THE DISEASES OF THE NEWBORN.** By DR. AUGUST RITTER VON REUSS, Assistant at the University Children's Clinic and Director of the Department of the Newborn at the First University Women's Clinic in Vienna. Pp. 626; 90 illustrations. New York: William Wood and Company, 1921.

DR.-VON REUSS has written a book that considers separately the first period of infancy. This division into a separate specialty is a new idea for America, and is probably only carried out in the clinic of which the author is director. The period of the newborn is usually considered as terminated when the umbilical stump is sloughed. Here it is extended beyond this time, or until the initial weight loss has been recovered and the weight of the infant corresponds to the weight at birth. It is claimed that it is not until this time that the mechanism of the infant has adjusted itself to the different mode of existence. After this time begins the period of infancy. The book is well written and sensibly published in English. It should be of value to obstetricians and pediatricists, as well as to others having the care of new babies. While books on obstetrics and pediatrics usually devote some space to the consideration of this epoch of child life, space does not permit of the detail and elaboration that has been possible in this work. Medical literature has been thoroughly searched for additional information. Authorities are quoted in the text, and the references are given in the bibliography at the end of the volume. The original publication in German was in 1914. It is to be regretted that the present publishers did not have the references brought up to date and edited into the text. A. E. S.

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**TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEDIATRIC SOCIETY.** Volume XXXII. Pp. 353; 23 illustrations. Edited by DR. OSCAR M. SCHLOSS, 1920.

THIS volume comprises the report of the thirty-first annual meeting of the American Pediatric Society, which was held at Highland Park, Illinois, May 31 to June 2, 1920. Sixty papers were presented before the society of which thirty-nine are published in this book. The discussion aroused is printed with each paper; many and varied phases of pediatric thought were covered by these reports, all of which represented either the results of clinical observation or laboratory investigation. Many of these articles have appeared in the current medical periodicals and the others will doubtless be made available to the profession in the same manner. In addition to the report of the scientific program the minutes give the names of the members in attendance, the report of the executive session, as well as lists of officers, members, meeting places and other information of the activities of the society. A. E. S.