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DERMATOLOGIE UND VENEREOLOGE, HERAUSGEGEBEN VON PROF. Dr. GOTTRON U. Prof. Dr. W. Schoenfeld, Band I/Teil II, 284 Abbildungen, Preis fuer beide Teile DM 370, Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart, 1962.

Dematology and Venereology, edited by Prof. Dr. Gottron and Prof. Dr. W. Schoenfeld, Volume first, Part II, pages 627, 284 figures, Price Rs. 400 for both parts published by Georg Thieme Verlag Stuttgart, W. Germany, 1962, (in German language.)

This exhaustive and excellent treatise has been ably edited by Prof. Dr. Gottron Schoenfeld. Both are world renowned dermatologists and possess unfathomable experience in this field. This part contains 284 well chosen and sharp figures of highly illustrative value.

Contributions from nineteen eminent skin specialists from various university skin hospitals in Western Germany have made this lucid text of 627 pages. It includes chapters on general clinical dermatology, statistics, ethnographical dermatology, weather and climate, general therapy, cleaning and care of skin, chemo and antibiotic therapy, fertility in man and trichomonas infections. Essential references have been given at the close of every chapter. In no other book, have I yet come across such a nice and illustrated presentation of various skin lesions. Absorbing chapter on biochemistry of skin has been contributed by Von. J. Kimmig and Renate Wehrmann from Hamburg. In a chapter on syndromes compiled by W. Schoenfeld, salient features of 62 alphabetically arranged, syndromes in dermatology have been nicely presented. Accurate index appears at the end of the text. Get-up as well as printing and paper are typical German i. e. superfine and leave no room for criticism. Being an invaluable addition to the present literature on Dermatology, it is really a must for every German-knowing Dermatologist. I am fully convinced that its translation into English will be highly welcome. Authors as well as publishers deserve endless praise for bringing out such an excellent treatise on Dermatology.

—S. J. Yawalkar.

THE POST-THROMBOPHLEBITIC SYNDROME: By Roy J. Fokin; Published by Charles C. Thomas 1962; Pp. 221; \$8.50.

This small book on one of the commonest and most important but neglected disease of modern civilisation comes from the chief of the peripheral vascular disease clinic of cedar of Lebanon Hospital Los Angeles. The author has taken great pains to bring out the historical and economic aspect of the disease. The etiological factors as well as the protean clinical features and sequale of deep vein thrombosis are discussed at length. Surprisingly no mention is made of pulmonary hypertension as a seuale. The book is written in a precise clear lucid style: though a number of pages could have been saved by reducing references many of which are only of historical importance. The index i. e. up-to-date. The book will be useful for all those who seek to increase their information on the post-thrombophbitic Syndrome.

—R. C. H.

Radiodermatitis: By Irvin Epstein M. D., Published by Charles C. Thomas, 301-327 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, U. S. A., Edition, 1 July 1962, Pp. 178, Price: \$7.75.

Presented in very lucid style, this valuable monograph encompasses within its folds history, etiology, clinical features, diagnosis, histopathology, prognosis and treatment of radiodermatitis. The author has described potential dangers as well as possible benefits from the radiation therapy. He has stressed that in dermatological conditions the unnecessary use of harder rays should be abandoned and in benign skin disorders a total dose of 900 r can safely be administered to a particular area. He, however, cautions against massive overdoses of grenz rays as they too may lead to atrophy, pigmentation and even telangiectasias. The individual tolerance has been mentioned as an etiologic factor in the causation of radiodermatitis.

From this book readers will realise that radiodermatitis is preventable as well as reversible. For dermatologists as well as radiologists, the reviewer finds this excellently illustrated monograph as thought provoking and of immense practical value. It will no doubt, attain an unique place in today's valuable medical literature.

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