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CLINIC AND THERAPY OF MICOTIC DISEASES (KLINIK UND THERAPIE DER PILZKRANKHEITEN) (in German language) by Dr. G. Polemanan, Dr. T. Wegmann, Dr. A. Stammler; Published by: Georg Thieme, Verlag, Stuttgart; 1961; Pp.: 396, 152 partly coloured; illustrations, 42 tables; Price: DM 67 (German Marks) Linen binding.

Micotic complications after Antibiotic treatment, and the introduction of Griseofulvin have made it quite necessary to differentiate exactly between the Dermatophytes and the yeasts. Now-a-days, a great number of doctors are doing exhaustive study not only of the symptomatology of Fungus diseases, but also with diagnosis of the Fungi which come into the consideration of the aetiology of the diseases. The yeasts cause skin-symptoms similar to those caused by Dermatophytes. Griseofulvin acts curatively only in diseases caused by Dermatophytes and not in those caused by the yeasts. The authors have therefore written this book so as to be a very useful guide not only for doctors but also for technical assistants who have to do microscopic and cultural work in this field.

There are five different sections in this book. The first section describes the General Mycology. The classification of MYKOSES is done according to CONANT. The diagnostic methods include the sending of the material for examination, microscopic demonstration of fungus, natural preparations on slides, staining methods, Fluorescence (Woodlight) and diagnostic skin test. Cultural demonstrations include different kinds of culture-media and how to prepare them for various mykoses. Breeding and differentiation of Dermatophytes and yeasts are further described in detail.

Next two chapters deal with European and extra-European fungus diseases of the skin. Under the heading European Fungi are described the Epidermophytes, Trichophytes, Tineas, Microsporosis, Blastomycoses, candidoses, cryptococcoses, Actinomycoses of the skin, Erythrasma etc. The extra European Fungus diseases of the skin described are: Mycetozoa, *Tinea imbricata*, North and South American Blastomycoses, Chromomycoses, *Tinea Nigra* and Rhino sporidiosis.

The fourth chapter describes the European and extra-European fungus diseases of the Internal organs and of the Nervous system.

The general practitioner would get a good idea of the vastness of the Fungus diseases that can enter into his practice. The treatment of the diseases is given in detail at the end of the 4th chapter. The book is very well illustrated with culture plates, microscopic demonstration, clinical illustrations of skin and internal organomycoses. In the references of literature which are given at the end of every subject, it is gratifying to note that Indian Doctors such as Anguli, Dey, Kunder, Lahiri, Sen are given recognition.—SVD.

DERMATOLOGY : DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT : By Sulzberger, Wolf and Witten;
Published by : The Year Book Publishers, Inc., 200 E. Illinois St., Chicago, U.S.A.
2nd Edition 1961; Pp. 615, Price : \$14.00.

Any book or article from the mighty pen of Dr. Sulzberger and his associates is always a type by itself. And the present one is no exception. Though it is supposed to be the 2nd edition of their previous book "Dermatologic Therapy in General Practice" it is entirely recast and rewritten necessitating a change in title. Thus the authors realize, and rightly so, that recognition or the diagnosis of a skin disorder is the prime requisite for fruitful treatment. While incorporating all the new advances in diagnosis and therapy in the text, the authors have still been able to present the book as "a truly practical, modern and relatively short text book on the recognition" and management of common skin diseases. Many new chapters and illustrations have been added.

The technique of skin dressings, utility of various local agents, the physical, chemical and radiological modalities of treatment and short and sweet differential diagnosis form the basic and striking features of the book.

The book has a good format and is well produced. That it is a 'Must' for any one interested in Skin Diseases goes without saying.
—T.K.M.

CIRCULATORY ULCERS: A PHYSICAL APPROACH: By Milton G. Tranchell and Charles R. Bannister; Published by: John Wright and Sons Ltd., Bristol; 1960; Pp. 91; Price: Sh. 12.6d.

One of the authors was a prisoners of war of the Japanese in the World War II. He learned lot about leg ulcers and other circulatory ulcers then. Both the authors are physiotherapists at Paddington General Hospital, London for several years. During their contact of several years with students, they realized the need for a book purely devoted to stasis ulcers. As the authors put it "primarily therefore, the book is meant for them; this is why it includes rationale and treatment in such detail."

In their enthusiasm to explain every point in connection with etiology, pathology, pathogenic mechanism of healing and rationale of various measures of treatment, there is lot of repetition which could have been avoided by proper planning and pruning. In fact this interpretation of technique of treatment is the outstanding feature of the brochure.

This small book is useful not only to people engaged in practice of physiotherapy but also to most of the general practitioners especially in our country where most of the treatment is carried out by them. For authors have given able guidance regarding assessment of disease process, detailed measures indicated in each case and also the possible outcome of such treatment.

The book is well printed on art paper and bears a good format.
—TKM.

PROGRESS IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES IN RELATION TO DERMATOLOGY—
A Symposium: Edited by Arthur Rook; Published by: University Press, Cambridge,
1966; Pp. 480; Price: 84s.

This book is made up of some 37 lectures and discussions that followed. It was an attempt at collecting all facts of biological sciences in relation to different dermatological subjects, and presenting them in understandable form to clinicians. This approach to the subject provided opportunities for both basic scientists and clinicians to understand each other better. It also paved the way for future dermatological research. The book contains among others, lectures on: Melanogenesis, Histo-chemical investigation of the skin, Psychophysiological mechanisms, and Immunology. To the average clinician specialist the book may feel a little heavy but people with research bent will find it very informative and instructive.—TKM.

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