

BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

PLASTIC SURGERY OF THE EYE

Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery. 3rd ed. By S. A. Fox, M.S. (Ophth.), M.D., F.A.C.S. Pp. xiv+493. Illustrated. \$19.50. New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1963.

This is the latest edition of this book and has been considerably improved. New chapters have been added on the lacrimal system, enucleation, congenital anomalies, first aid, irradiation and tattooing. Existing chapters, particularly those on lid repair and reconstruction, have been enlarged. The illustrations are of a high standard and mainly clinical rather than diagrammatic. Corneal grafting has not yet found a place in the text, which is a pity.

This edition is the most comprehensive volume on its subject available in English and is highly recommended.

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RHEUMATIC DISEASES.

The Epidemiology of Chronic Rheumatism. A symposium organized by the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences established under the joint auspices of UNESCO & WHO. Vols. I and II. Ed. by J. H. Kellgren, M. R. Jeffrey and J. Ball. Pp. xix+356, and x+44. Illustrated R5.00. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1963.

The title is slightly misleading. The books contain a great deal of the latest information, thoughts, and trends in the rheumatic diseases. The significance of the 'rheumatoid factor' is carefully reviewed. The sections on gout are excellent and it comes as a surprise to find that some authorities accept a serum uric-acid level of up to 7 mg. per 100 ml. as within normal limits for males.

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