

there is little doubt that it is far from uncommon in America, especially amongst the coloured population.

The causal organism is an ultra-microscopic filtrable virus which sets up pathological changes characterized by giant-cell formation and reticulo-endothelial hyperplasia.

Diagnosis depends chiefly on the Frei test and treatment is very unsatisfactory; the most promising results have been obtained with Frei antigen given intracutaneously or intravenously. (No mention is made of the sulphonamides which have recently been reported as giving encouraging results.) There is a comprehensive bibliography. T. E. O.

Reviews.

SYNOPSIS OF SURGERY. Eleventh Edition. By Ernest W. Hey Groves, M.S., M.D., B.Sc.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng. Bristol: John Wright and Sons, Ltd. 1940. Pp. viii + 714. 195 illustrations. Price 17s. 6d.

The tenth edition of this book was reviewed in the *Journal* in December, 1933. It requires no fresh introduction. The new edition has been brought up to date by the inclusion of Böhler's technique in the treatment of fractures and the addition of a chapter on surgical treatment of fractures of the neck of the femur.

For revision of the large and growing subject of surgery it is an excellent book of ready reference.

TREATMENT BY MANIPULATION. By H. Jackson Burrows, M.D., F.R.C.S., and W. D. Coltart, M.B., F.R.C.S. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd. 1939. Pp. xii + 36. Price 5s.

A useful little book for "many members of the medical profession (who may) know too little of the selection of cases for manipulation, its technique, and the results which may be expected from it." D. C. M.

A POCKET MEDICAL DICTIONARY. Fourth Edition. Compiled by Lois Oakes, S.R.N., D.N.Lond.&Leeds, assisted by Thos. B. Davie, B.A., M.D.Lpool. Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone. 1940. Pp. xix + 409. Price 3s. 6d.

This small dictionary, now in its fourth edition, is evidently fulfilling its purpose of being useful to medical students during their early years. It will probably be found of most service to the student commencing his clinical studies. Only two years have elapsed since the publication of the previous edition, and in the present edition a useful Appendix on First Aid has been added.

ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN, SPANISH MEDICAL VOCABULARY AND PHRASES. By Joseph S. F. Marie. London: J. and A. Churchill, Ltd. Price 12s. 6d.

Chevalier Jackson, in his foreword to this very excellent and essentially practical polyglot medical vocabulary, voices the sentiment of many amongst us when he says: "All my life I have wanted just such a book as this. It makes me sad to think of the thousands of weary hours it would have saved me, hours spent in handling a clumsy stack of dictionaries of different languages. . . ."

In these war days such a book should be especially useful to those amongst us whose duty or pleasure it is to plough through the maze of enemy as well as of allied medical literature.

On all these scores the book is thoroughly to be recommended. S. S.

Correspondence.

CHARTERHOUSE RHEUMATISM CLINIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS."

SIR,—I would be glad of the hospitality of your columns to make it known that all medical officers of the three Services, who may desire to treat rheumatic personnel by the standard method of the Charterhouse Rheumatism Clinic, can obtain supplies of the vaccine used at that institution free of charge on application by letter to the Secretary, The Charterhouse Rheumatism Clinic, 56-60, Weymouth Street, London, W.1. When writing it would be of great assistance if medical officers were to mention their previous experience, if any, in the use of our methods.

56-60, *Weymouth Street,*
London, W.1.
February 15, 1940.

I am, etc.,
ELLERT FORBES, *Major,*
Secretary.

Notices.

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