mass movement, and experimental observations have correlated this with axonal branching. The author considers that facial spasm is a release phenomenon at the nuclear level, but he presents little new evidence either as regards clinical signs or treatment.


This book of 517 pages (with an appendix of some 50 pages with schematic diagrams of the spinal peripheral nerves and nerve roots) deals only with the anatomy of the 12 cranial nerves, and even so mentions their intracerebral course, connexions, and nuclei only very briefly. It should therefore give this restricted field fairly intensive treatment. It will certainly have some value as a reference book, but from the clinician's point of view it is too schematic and there are too few illustrations as opposed to diagrams; even in the latter the relations of the cranial nerves, and especially their vascular relations, always important for the neurologist, are sometimes not well shown. Indeed, the many diagrams, by which the book would presumably wish to be judged, are of very uneven value, some tending to obscure rather than clarify the points they wish to illustrate.


After spending five painstaking hours assembling this model, the reviewer is loath to pull it to pieces too harshly, either physically or verbally. It is a pity that the final product—in fact a masterpiece of detailed planning—looks both flimsy and disorderly.

To gain true benefit from the model, it is necessary to assemble it oneself, as some of the deeper anatomy is of necessity hidden or replaced when the outer portions are added. Moreover, as the model is made of sheets of flat cardboard (already painted, labelled, and partly cut out) some of the nuclei, especially the thalamus and lentiform nucleus, assume a rather curious appearance when seen from certain angles in the finished arrangement. However, it is doubtful whether those who are not already familiar with the anatomy of the brain (or alternatively have a good command of German and are endowed with spatial constructive ability) would get very far with it.

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