
This little book gives a sketchy orthopaedic account of various spinal diseases. There is no serious attempt to discuss the many interesting problems regarding the various mechanisms by which backache can develop.


This book is a compilation of “most of the important material on psychiatry in World War II”. It consists almost entirely of over a thousand abstracts of papers and some book reviews: there is little made to criticize or evaluate the material or to draw conclusions from it. The lack of a subject index further detracts from the book’s value.


The author discusses the physiological mechanisms involved in handwriting, and concludes that although this activity reflects certain tendencies of the whole personality, the chief characteristics of a person’s writing are determined by the way in which he holds the pen. He refutes the claim that psychological traits can be recognized in individual scripts on the grounds that there is much inconsistency among interpreters and a lack of statistics in their data.

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We are glad to welcome the first issue of a new journal concerned with neurology and psychiatry. The first number (Vol. I, No. 1) contains 150 pages and is well produced by Dominguez, Bignone y Cia., Buenos Aires.

BOOKS RECEIVED

(Review in a later issue is not precluded by notice here of books recently received.)


