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THIS little book describes two new colloidal reactions for the cerebrospinal fluid, the bi-colour benzoin and bi-colour mastic reactions. In these, an acid and a basic dye are added to the resinous suspension, acid fuchsin and light green to the benzoin and acid-fuchsin and naphthal B-green to the mastic. Shellac has been employed by Marchionini as an alternative to the gum mastic. The advantages claimed for these reactions are increased sensitivity and ease of reading.

Other well known colloidal reactions, such as Kafka's paraffin reaction, the "normo-mastic" of Jakobsthal and Kafka, and the Sicard-Haguenau modification of the colloidal gold reaction are described and the result obtained by the various reactions discussed.

The book is illustrated with several colour plates and contains numerous tables. It forms a useful addition to the literature of the cerebrospinal fluid.

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Die Psychischen Heilmethoden für ärztliches Studium und Praxis.

This is a comprehensive systematic account by six authors of the principles and practice of the chief forms of psychotherapy in use at the present day. Birnbaum writes a general and theoretical introduction, Jolowitz deals with suggestion therapy, Heyer with hypnotic methods, von Hattingberg with psychoanalytic and related methods, Wexberg with Adlerian principles and practice and Kronfeld with "Psychagogics." The theoretical expositions that precede each part are necessarily of a summary nature, but they are for the most part clear and simple. The chief differences in the viewpoints of the various schools are clearly set forth and the book should form a valuable groundwork for the practitioner who wishes to include in his therapeutic armamentarium, psychological resources of various kinds. Experience alone and not even a comprehensive work of this sort can teach him in what particular case to apply the appropriate method.
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