

Summary

A small, relatively light and inexpensive stereotactic instrument is described. An account of its use and the making of a localized destructive lesion in brain by the injection of "alcohol paste" is presented.

I am indebted to Messrs. K. O. Ford, the makers of the stereotactic instrument, for their most helpful cooperation during its development.

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The February (1959) issue contains the following papers:—

A Clinical and Radiological Correlation of the Lesions Produced by Chemopallidectomy and Thalamectomy.
 Gonzalo J. Bravo and Irving S. Cooper

Some Aspects of the Effects of Acute Reserpine Treatment on Behaviour. Peter H. Glow

Physiological Tremor in Children. John Marshall

The Mechanism of the Pain in Trigeminal Neuralgia. Eric Kugelberg and Ulf Lindblom

Lumbosacral Spina Bifida Cystica with Craniovertebral Anomalies: Report of Two Cases Presenting with Neurological Disorder in Adult Life. John D. Spillane and Lambert Rogers

The Relief of Myotonia by the Use of a Potassium-binding Resin. Victor Tompkins, R. G. Lascelles, and Brian McKinney

The Estimation of Motility During Rest or Sleep. G. H. Cox and E. Marley

Blood Cerebrospinal Fluid Bromide Ratios in Mental Patients. A. J. Copen

An Angiographic Test of Collateral Circulation through the Anterior Segment of the Circle of Willis. C. B. Sedzimir

The Application in General Medical Conditions of a Visual Method of Assessing and Representing Generalized Electro-encephalographic Abnormalities. John Laidlaw

Proceedings of the Society of British Neurological Surgeons: 58th Meeting

Book Reviews

A number of copies are still available and may be obtained from the Publishing Manager, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, price 17s. 6d.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Psychiatry in the British Army in the Second World War. By Robert H. Ahrenfeldt. (Pp. xv + 312. 35s.) London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. 1958.

Psychosomatic Correlation in its Biochemical Aspect [Lecture]. By P. Puig Muset. IV International Congress of Psychotherapy. (48 typewritten pages + references). Barcelona: P. Puig Muset. 1958.

Minds Matter: A New Approach to Mental Health. By Beryl P. Cooper. (Pp. 62. 2s. 6d.) London: Conservative Political Centre. 1958.

Mental Deficiency: The Changing Outlook. Edited by Ann M. Clarke and A. D. B. Clarke. (Pp. xvi + 513; 4 figures, 26 tables. 45s.) London: Methuen. 1958.

Mental Health Aspects of the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. *Wld. Hlth. Org. tech. Rep. Ser. No. 151.* (Pp. 53. 3s. 6d.) London: H.M.S.O.; Geneva: World Health Organization. 1958.

Métabolisme de L'Eau dans les Traumatismes du Crâne. By D. Petit-Dutailis and E. Bernard-Weil. (Pp. 108; 10 figures. Fr. fr. 1,400.-) Paris: Masson. 1958.

Adénomes Hypophysaires. By Gérard Guiot and collaborators. (Pp. 276; 118 figures. Fr. fr. 3,800.-) Paris: Masson. 1958.

L'Angiographie Cérébrale. By Joël Bonnal and Jacques Legré; Foreword by Prof. J.-E. Paillas. (Pp. 254; 223 figures.) Paris: Masson. 1958.

Mehrdimensionale Diagnostik und Therapie. By Ernst Kretschmer. (Pp. viii + 308; 7 figures. DM 36.-) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1958.

Biochemistry and the Central Nervous System, 2nd ed. By Henry McIlwain. (Pp. vii + 288; illustrated. 45s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1959.

Traumatismos Vertebromedulares Cervicais com perturbacoes Nervosas. By A. Ferreira Alves and C. Andrade. (Pp. 109; 50 figures.) Porto: Maranus. 1958.

Grosse Nervenärzte, Vol. 2. Edited by Kurt Kolle. (Pp. x + 252; 211 photographs. DM. 29.40.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1959.

Sensorische Aphasien und Amusien auf myeloarchitektonischer Grundlage. By K. Kleist. (Pp. viii + 45; 47 figures. DM 16.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1959.

Mental Disorders, 5th ed. By W. S. Dawson. (Pp. 68. 2s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1958.

Psychological Stress. By Irving L. Janis. (Pp. xiv + 439. 56s.) London: Chapman & Hall; New York: John Wiley. 1958.

Personality Patterns of Psychiatrists, Vols. 1 and 2. By Robert R. Holt and Lester Luborsky; Foreword by Robert P. Knight. (Pp. xiv + 386. \$7.50, and pp. xiv + 400. \$4.00, respectively). New York: Basic Books. 1958.

Temporal Lobe Epilepsy. A colloquium presented under the auspices of The National Institutes of Health. Edited by Maitland Baldwin and Pearce Bailey. (Pp. xiii + 581; illustrated. £5 17s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications; Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1958.

Physiologie du Système Nerveux Central, 3rd ed., entirely revised. By Georges Morin. (Pp. 396; 104 figures. Fr. fr. 3,400.-) Paris: Masson. 1958.

L'Exploration Chirurgicale Stéréotaxique du Lobe Temporal dans L'Epilepsie Temporale. By J. Talairach, P. Tournoux, and M. David. (Pp. 136; 29 figures, 56 plates. Fr. fr. 3,150.-) Paris: Masson. 1958.

Chronic Subdural Hematoma: With Particular Reference to the Diagnosis. A Clinical, Roentgenological and Electroencephalographical Study. By Ragnar Nordlie. (Pp. 164; 24 figures.) Oslo: Johan Grundt Tanum Forlag. 1958.

Topométrie Cranio-Encéphalique chez L'Homme. By A. Delmas and B. Pertuiset in collaboration with M. H. Pineau. (Pp. 436; heavily illustrated. £14.) Paris: Masson; Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications; Toronto: Ryerson Press. 1959.

Der Psychiater. By Kurt Kolle. (Pp. 57. DM 5.40.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1959.

A Textbook in Rorschach Test Diagnosis. By Edward Bohm; translated by Anne and Samuel Beck. (Pp. xi + 322. \$7.75.) New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1958.

Personality Change and Development As Measured by the Projective Techniques. By Molly Harrower. (Pp. 383; heavily illustrated. \$10.00) New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1958.

Sequelae of Primary Aseptic Meningo-encephalitis. By Ragnar Müller, Ingvar Nylander, Lars-Erik Larsson, and Lennart Widen. (Pp. 115; illustrated.) Copenhagen: Ejnar Munksgaard. 1958.

The Nature of Experience. Riddell Memorial Lectures, 30th Series. By Sir Russell Brain. (Pp. 73. 8s. 6d.) London: Oxford University Press. 1959.

Medulloblastoma. By Benjamin L. Crue, Jr. (Pp. x + 206; 16 figures. 43s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications; Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1958.

Psychiatric Congress

A Czechoslovak psychiatric congress with international participation will take place at Jeseník Spa, Grafenberg, from September 7 to 11, 1959. Further information may be obtained from Dr. E. Wolf, Secretariat of the Psychiatric Congress, Ke Karlovu 11, Praha 2, Czechoslovakia.

Ninth Annual Instrument Symposium

The Ninth Annual Instrument Symposium and Research Equipment Exhibit will be held from September 28 to October 1, 1959, at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Further information may be obtained from James B. Davies, National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

Scandinavian Society of Neurosurgery

The 14th annual meeting of the Scandinavian Society of Neurosurgery (Nordisk Neurokirurgisk Forening), will take place at Södersjukhuset, Stockholm, Sweden, on September 4 and 5, 1959. Further information may be obtained from Docent R. Frykholm, M.D., Södersjukhuset, Stockholm.