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PREFACE

Large and exhaustive treatises on clinical and laboratory methods of diagnosis are numerous, but a compact, handy and trustworthy guide to the combined study of the urine and the feces is still a desideratum. It has been the aim of the authors to supply this, bearing in mind throughout the actual daily needs of the working practitioner.

The importance of urinary examination for purposes of diagnosis of diseases of the kidneys, as well as for general perversion of bodily functions, needs no special comment. Every practitioner of medicine or surgery makes use of urinalysis. It has been the object of Dr. Hensel in preparing the chapters on the urine, so to present this many-sided subject that the required diagnostic indications may be obtained with the minimum of effort compatible with accuracy. However, the more technical procedures have not been omitted, nor have the needs of the advanced student of urology been neglected.

The presentation of the accumulated knowledge concerning the feces in the chapters upon that subject, which are largely from the pen of Dr. Weil, must prove of great clinical value to every practitioner of medicine. The systematic study of the feces has been much neglected by physicians, pediatricians alone evincing a commensurate interest in this branch of diagnostic medicine. Probably this has been due in large part to a scanty and scattered literature; but, thanks to the unremitting labor of German investigators, notably Schmidt and Strasburger, some order has been brought out of the chaos of coprologic research, and in the present volume, for the first time, many important facts are rendered accessible to English-speaking students.
PREFACE.

We are particularly indebted, in the chapters on Bacteriology, to the masterly work of Ford, done largely under the auspices of the Rockefeller Research Fund. His investigations have laid the foundation of a thorough knowledge of the intestinal bacterial flora, and the results of his work have been closely followed in this manual.
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