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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

THE present volume endeavors to cover the subject of Genito-urinary and Venercal Diseases briefly and clearly, to afford a comprehensive survey within a compact space, as a camera condenses a landscape, preserving all essentials in their proper place and proportion. In this way it has been possible to devote special attention to the more important diseases, their diagnosis and treatment, and to present the most trustworthy and practical medical and surgical therapeutics.

Though this work represents in a large measure the results of personal experience, reference has been freely made to the standard works of Keyes and Chetwood, Hyde and Montgomery, Neisser, Finger, Joseph, von Fritsch, Zuckerkandl, Jadassohn, Kümmel, Fuller, Taylor, Fürbringer, Sonnenburg, Schede, and Posner, to whose teachings I wish to render my grateful acknowledgment.

CHICAGO, September, 1902.

LOUIS E. SCHMIDT.

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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

In arranging for the editorship of *The Medical Epitome* Series the publishers established a few simple conditions, namely, that the Series as a whole should embrace the entire realm of medicine; that the individual volumes should authoritatively cover their respective subjects in all essentials; and that the maximum amount of information, in letter-press and engravings, should be given for a minimum price. It was the belief of publishers and editor alike that brief works of high character would render valuable service not only to students, but also to practitioners who might wish to refresh or supplement their knowledge to date.

To the authors the editor extends his heartiest thanks for their excellent work. They have fully justified his choice in inviting them to undertake a kind of literary task which is always difficult—namely, the combination of brevity, clearness, and comprehensiveness. They have equalled the conscientious efforts with which the editor has performed his duties from first to last. Co-operation of this kind ought to result in useful books, in brief manuals as contradistinguished from mere compends.

In order to render the volumes suitable for quizzing, and yet preserve the continuity of the text unbroken, the questions have been gathered at the end of each chapter. This new arrangement, it is hoped, will be convenient alike to students and practitioners.

VICTOR C. PEDERSEN. NEW YORK, September, 1902.



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GENITO-URINARY AND VENEREAL DISEASES.

INTRODUCTION.

THE term venereal diseases, applied strictly, should include only those diseases acquired during sexual intercourse. Necessarily the organs most often affected are the genitals, although other parts may first become involved.

Three distinct types of venereal disease are recognized; gonorrhœa, chancroid, and syphilis. They have one characteristic in common, and that is they are transmitted by contact. It is possible to transfer or to inoculate these diseases with instruments or objects which are infected, although the usual manner is during the sexual act. Gonorrhœa most always infects the urethra, although other mucous membranes may become affected without the urethra first becoming involved. As regards syphilis and chancroid, they appear most often on the genitalia, yet it is possible to inoculate their virus anywhere on the mneous membranes or skin of the body, whenever there is a loss in their continuity.

In the case of gonorrhea and simple venereal ulcer there occur instances of pseudo-prototypes which show almost every point of similarity, yet differ only in their etiologic factor; that is, the bacterial origin is different. In these instances it is necessary to bear in mind that they may be non-venereal in character. They may, however, be acquired during the sexual act. Their clinical appearances are practically alike, consequently they may be mistaken for each other, unless the use of the microscope and the culture-media are brought into play. Therefore, whenever the absence of the gonococcus in a discharge or of the bacillus Ducrey-Unwa va two

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