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## PREFATORY NOTE

A realization of the fact that the general practitioner is not usually prepared to make, on account of lack of extensive apparatus and other conveniences, elaborate chemical tests and examinations, has prompted the authors to prepare this book. "Laboratory Methods" is not of an encyclopedic form, nor is it a limited compend, and is especially designed for the general practitioner who desires to make, easily and inexpensively, examinations on which he may depend.

The physician may have experienced some discouragement in attempts to conduct certain examinations, but he has probably been confused by the complexity of the large book and thwarted by the paucity of the compend. It is not presumed that the practitioner shall attempt every investigation, but this book will show that many of the comparatively simple cases that are usually sent to distant cities for expert examination may be made with more satisfactory results by the practitioner.

It has been the aim of the authors to simplify methods both as to apparatus and technic. Essential factors have not, however, been omitted, but have been emphasized in such manner as to indicate their importance. Only the best tests are given, so that the reader will not be perplexed by being obliged to do any choosing for specific cases. Stress has been laid on safe diagnosis, and sources of error, as well as the value and limitation of tests, have been pointed out.

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## PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

Certain portions of this book have been reorganized, and there have been added descriptions of the Albumin Sputum Test for Tuberculosis, Bass and Watkins' Rapid Widal Method, Noguchi's Butyric Acid Test for Syphilis, and the Urobilinogen Test for Hepatic Function.

Furthermore, an attempt has been made to meet some of the needs of the amateur analyst; and for this reason a few tests have been added in the form of an appendix, which includes a Bedside Method for the Estimation of the Urinary Acidity, a very valuable Indican Test, a simple Test for Indolacetic Acid, a consideration of the Bence-Jones Albumose Body, the Sulphosalicylic Acid Test for Urinary Albumin, and the Hermann-Perutz Serum Test for Syphilis.

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