their patients may be taking "on their own." MacLean's powder is definitely alluded to on pages 87 and 162, though the formula given on page 162 as "the basis of many popular and efficacious remedies" is far removed from those in common use. Lanette Wax might also find a place in the index, and also as a synonym on page 43. The much-renowned and widely-used "Calamine Lotion" is not represented in any of its varieties, and the only suggestion of its existence appears to be that on page 353 in the text, "Calamine (impure zinc carbonate) is an excellent slight astringent for itching skin disease." In a future issue perhaps an inch can be spared for it, although it may be unofficial.

On page 313, top, the formulae for the first two drugs have got transposed, and on the preceding page, fourth line from foot, an r has crept into the word urethane.

DEEP MASSAGE AND MANIPULATION ILLUSTRATED

By James Cyriax, M.D., B.Ch. Hamish Hamilton Medical Books. London. 1944. 158.

"I read this book with great pleasure. Dr. Cyriax deals with the subject in a very lucid and concise manner, whilst the book is illustrated by many excellent photographs showing the position of the patient and the massuese for each treatment: in fact after reading the book, with no knowledge of Dr. Cyriax's technique, any man's technician could deal with most of the fibrositic lesions that she is likely to meet in practice.

There are some minor criticisms which are these: Many Physiotherapists would not entirely agree with Dr. Cyriax's statement that fibrosis of the Rhomboid muscles is rare, but that fibrosis of the Levator angulae scapulae muscle is common. I seem to spend much time palpating painful lumps in what I have always considered the Rhomboid muscle, but perhaps my knowledge of anatomy as an Orthopaedic Surgeon, is at fault. It would appear that Dr. Cyriax has described four different types of tennis elbow, this at first sight might appear puzzling. Surely it would have been wiser to have stated that there are not four types, but four sites of inflammatory processes around the elbow joint which give rise to a syndrome loosely called tennis elbow.

His optimistic prognosis as the result of his frictions massage, permeates the book, though he very wisely indicates those lesions which may need some other form of treatment of manipulative nature.

This book could be read with advantage by any general practitioner interested in rheumatic fibrositis and certainly should be in the hands of every massuese."

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