

VIRGIN WIVES

Virgin Wives. A Study of Unconsummated Marriages. By Leonard J. Friedman, M.D. Foreword by Michael Balint, M.D., Ph.D., M.Sc. (Pp. 161+xiii. 21s.) London: Tavistock Publications. 1962.

Twelve doctors have combined in the production of this book. Ten of these, all women, with Dr. Balint as leader of a weekly seminar lasting two hours, studied the subject of unconsummated marriage as part of a training-cum-research scheme initiated by the Family Planning Association. With the exception of a specialist in gynaecology the woman doctors were general practitioners. During the latter part of its two and a half years' work Dr. Friedman joined the group as "a participant observer."

About 700 women sought advice from the women doctors because of non-consummation of their marriages, and of these 100 were reported to the seminar for discussion. Typescript reports of all the meetings were kept, and from these, in addition to his own observations, Dr. Friedman has produced this unusual commentary on the aetiology, psychopathology, and treatment of the unconsummated marriage. Probably it is the first time this common and puzzling clinical problem has been discussed fully and frankly. In describing the origins and aims of the project Dr. Friedman quotes Dr. Balint's view that formal lectures as a teaching method hardly give more to the general practitioner than he can get from reading books. Seminars are considered to be vastly superior for those who can manage to attend them. But the reproduction of seminars in book form is open to the objection just mentioned, with the additional difficulty that it is nearly impossible to condense such material and yet retain at least some of its vividness.

The primary aim of the scheme was to train doctors in the treatment of patients whose marriages have not been consummated. After only a few treatment sessions over 70% of the patients reported that success had been achieved.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received.

Clinical Pathology. By B. B. Wells, M.D., Ph.D. Third edition. (Pp. 541+xiv; illustrated. 63s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders. 1962.

Le Colture dei Tessuti nella Ricerca Biologica. By G. Penso and D. Balducci. (Pp. 559+xxxii; illustrated. L. 10,000.) Rome: "Il Pensiero Scientifico" Editore. 1962.

Radiation Therapy in the Management of Cancers of the Oral Cavity and Oropharynx. By G. H. Fletcher, M.D., and W. S. MacComb, M.D. (Pp. 396+viii; illustrated. £6 12s.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1962.

The Senior Citizen. By R. P. Beatty, M.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 179+xv. \$6.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1962.

Principles for First Aid for the Injured. By H. Proctor, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.E., and P. S. London, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 244+xiii; illustrated. 35s.) London: Butterworths. 1962.

Annual Review of Pharmacology. Volume Two. Edited by W. C. Cutting, R. H. Dreibach, and H. W. Elliot. (Pp. 477+vi; illustrated. \$7.) Palo Alto, Calif.: Annual Reviews Inc. 1962.

Ionizing Radiation. By G. Tievsky, M.D. (Pp. 154+xix; illustrated. \$8.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1962.

Methodology in Human Genetics. Edited by W. J. Burdette, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., M.D. (Pp. 432+xii; illustrated. \$4.) San Francisco: Holden-Day Inc. 1962.

Woman. By Dr. Joyce Brothers. (Pp. 236. 21s.) Kingswood, Surrey: The World's Work (1913) Ltd. 1962.

Experimental Transplantation of Vital Organs. By V. P. Demikhov. Translated from the Russian by Basil Haigh, M.A., M.B., B.Chir. (Pp. 285+x; illustrated. \$12.50.) New York: Consultants Bureau. 1962.

Fluoride in Clinical Medicine. By George L. Waldbott. (Pp. 60; illustrated. Sw.fr. 10.50.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1962.

Acquired Surgical Lesions of the Esophagus. By Clifford F. Storey, M.D. Foreword by Alton Ochsner, M.D. (Pp. 365+xxii; illustrated. \$19.00.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1962.

Vitamin B₁₂ and Intrinsic Factor. 2. Europaisches Symposium. Edited by H. C. Heinrich. (Pp. 798+xx; illustrated. DM. 142.) Stuttgart: Ferdinand Enke Verlag. 1962.

The British Journal of Psychiatric Social Work. Vol. VI, No. 3. Edited by E. M. Goldberg. (Pp. 159. 7s. 6d.) Hitchin, Herts: Bentley and Co. 1962.

The Myth of Mental Illness. By Thomas S. Szasz, M.D. (Pp. 337+xiii. 35s.) London: Secker and Warburg. 1962.

Essentials of Clinical Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology. By John T. Manter, Ph.D., M.D. Revised by Arthur J. Gatz, Ph.D. Second edition. (Pp. 136+vii; illustrated. 24s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1962.

Adipose Tissue as an Organ. Edited by Laurance W. Kinsell, M.D., D.Sc. (Pp. 278+xiv; illustrated. \$10.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1962.

Therapeutic Exercises. By O. Leonard Huddleston, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 205+xi; illustrated. 76s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1961.

Differential Diagnosis of the Electrocardiogram. By Sidney R. Arbeit, M.D., F.A.C.C., Ira L. Rubin, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.C., and Harry Gross, M.D., F.A.C.P. (Pp. 212; illustrated. 84s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Arterial Hypertension. By Irvine H. Page, M.D. (Pp. 38; illustrated. 16s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Pediatrics. 1960-61. Edited by Robert A. Lyon, M.D. (Pp. 104+v; illustrated. 28s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Medical Problems of Modern Air Travel. By Harold V. Ellingson, M.D. (Pp. 26+vi. 16s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Appendicitis. By J. Montgomery Deaver, M.D., and Albert G. Martin, M.D. (Pp. 57; illustrated. 20s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1961.

Cardiac Surgery. 1960-61. Edited by Charles P. Bailey. (Pp. 179; illustrated. 40s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy. By Curtis Lester Mendelson, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S. (Pp. 385+xv; illustrated. £5 8s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Principles of Human Physiology. Edited by Hugh Davson, D.Sc., and M. Grace Eggleton, D.Sc., M.R.C.S. Thirteenth edition. (Pp. 1,579+xvi; illustrated. £5.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1962.

The Exocrine Pancreas. Edited by A. V. S. De Reuck, M.Sc., D.I.C., A.R.C.S., and Margaret P. Cameron, M.A. (Pp. 390+xii; illustrated. 55s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1962.

Many drugs new in Great Britain come from the U.S.A. in the first place, and consequently an up-to-date American view of them is of interest to the British reader. The American Medical Association's annual publication *New and Nonofficial Drugs* gives authoritative information on a selection of them and is a useful supplement to our own Martindale's *Extra Pharmacopoeia*. The 1962 *N.N.D.* is now available (Pitman, 30s.). It includes short monographs on the actions and uses of some hundreds of drugs in its 900 pages. The comments on therapeutic uses are cautionary where appropriate.

COMING EVENTS

British Medical Association: Belfast Meeting.—A Scientific Meeting will be held on July 24, 25, 26, and 27. The full programme was printed in the *Supplement* of June 23.

British Academy of Forensic Sciences.—Annual scientific meeting, July 28, 29, Law Society's Hall, Chancery Lane, London W.C.2. Main theme: "The Hazards of the Road." Chairmen: Sir FRANCIS WALSH, Sir JOSEPH SIMPSON, Sir FREDERICK LAWTON, Sir ROGER ORMROD. Admission by ticket from Secretary-General of Academy, 28 Portland Place, London W.1.

2nd International Pharmacological Meeting.—August 20-23, 1963, Prague. Details from Secretary, Albertov 4, Prague 2, Czechoslovakia.

20th Congress, International Surgical Society.—Rome, September 14-21, 1963. Subjects include trauma, radio-isotopes in diagnosis and treatment, and short papers on recent clinical research work. Details from Mr. H. W. S. WRIGHT, 9 Weymouth Street, London W.1.

New Issues of Specialist Journals

The journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1

JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY

The contents of the July issue are as follows:

- Needle Biopsy of the Liver. Sheila Sherlock.
Leukaemic Lesions of the Gastrointestinal Tract. J. S. Cornes and T. Gwynfor Jones.
Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis, with Massive Necrosis of the Spinal Cord, Probably Due to Antitetanus Serum. A. A. Miller and F. Ramsden.
Histochemical Study of Various Forms of Cerebral Lipidoses. M. Wolman.
Methods of Testing Combined Antibiotic Bactericidal Action and the Significance of the Results. L. P. Garrod and Pamela M. Waterworth.
Cabinet for the Detection of Fluorescent Bacterial Cultures. E. J. L. Lowbury, H. A. Lilly, and M. D. Wilkins.
Red Cell Volume and Red Cell Survival in Normal Aged People. A. D. F. Hurdle and A. J. Rosin.
Life Span of Erythrocytes in Iron-deficiency Anaemia. I. J. Temperley and A. A. Sharp.
Observations on the High Foetal Haemoglobin Gene and its Interaction with the Thalassaemia Gene. P. Barkhan and M. Adinolfi.
Circulating Anticoagulant Occurring After Temporal Arteritis and Controlled by Corticosteroid Therapy. A. G. W. Whitfield, M. J. Meynell, B. M. Fessey, and W. A. Hudson.
Assessment of Adrenal Cortical Function After Death in Cases of Senile Osteoporosis. R. A. Caldwell.
Nature of Urinary Casts. E. G. McQueen.
Simple Fluorimetric Method for the Estimation of Free 11-Hydroxycorticoids in Human Plasma. D. Mattingly.
Study in Isolating Circulating Cancer Cells from Blood. B. V. Nabar.
Proceedings of the Association of Clinical Pathologists.
Technical Methods:
Application of the Feulgen Reaction to Smears in Exfoliative Cytology. E. S. Meek.
Determination of 3-Methoxy 4-Hydroxy Mandelic Acid in Urine. R. J. Georges and N. A. Small.
Microtome Knife Guard. David C. Evans.
Book Reviews.

Volume 15, No. 4. (Bi-monthly; £4 4s. yearly.)

ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD

The contents of the June issue are as follows:

- Adrenal Disorders: II. Congenital Virilizing Adrenal Hyperplasia. Lawson Wilkins.
Wilson's Disease. C. B. M. Warren and P. M. G. Broughton.
Wilson's Disease. The Presenting Symptoms. J. M. Walshe.
Measurement and Meaning of Pyuria. J. M. Stansfeld.
Congenital Transverse Defects of Limbs and Digits. H. G. Kohler.
Congenital Defects Associated with Prematurity. Alison D. McDonald.
Comparative Aetiological Studies of Congenital Diplegia in Scotland. C. M. Drilling, T. T. S. Ingram, and Elspeth M. Russell.
Observations on the Change from Foetal to Adult Erythropoiesis. I. D. Fraser and A. B. Raper.
Prevention of Anaemia of Prematurity. W. D. Elliott.
Bacterial Meningitis in Spina Bifida Cystica. John Lorber and Malcolm Segall.
Low Cerebrospinal Fluid Protein in African Children with Febrile Convulsions. Lorna G. Macdougall.
Pulmonary Hyaline Membrane. R. A. Barter.
Organization for Social Paediatrics. Cicely D. Williams.
Birth Weight and the Survival of Babies of Diabetic Women. James W. Farquhar.
A Family with Several Cases of Hypogammaglobulinaemia. W. M. Jamieson and Mary R. Kerr.
Precocious Menstruation in Hypothyroidism. H. H. van Gelderen.
Book Reviews.

Volume 37, No. 193. (Bi-monthly; £4 4s. yearly.)

ANNALS OF THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES

The contents of the June issue are as follows:

- Sacro-iliitis in Still's Disease. Mary E. Carter.
Anatomical Changes in Normal Sacro-iliac Joints During Childhood and Comparison with the Changes in Still's Disease. Mary E. Carter and G. Loewi.
Serum Protein Changes in Caplan's Syndrome. J. A. L. Gorrington.
Gout and Hyperuricaemia in Rural and Urban Populations. A. J. Popert and J. Venise Hewitt.
Power Grip and Precision Handling. J. M. F. Landsmeer.
Muscular Involvement in Giant-cell Arteritis. R. W. Ross Russell.
Clinical Comparison of the Newer Anti-inflammatory Corticosteroids. Edward W. Boland.
Intra-articular Steroid Therapy in Rheumatoid Arthritis. J. P. Currie and G. W. McNicol.
Long-term Intramuscular Prednisolone Therapy. H. F. West.
Effect of Fresh Plasma Infusions on the Sensitized Sheep Cell Agglutination Reaction in Cases of Rheumatoid Disease. J. D. Gray.
Late Effect on the Cervical Spine in Ankylosing Spondylitis. William Martel, John F. Holt, and William D. Robinson.
Significance of the Simultaneous Occurrence of Connective Tissue Disease and Agammaglobulinaemia. Jerome Rotstein and Robert A. Good.
Book Reviews.
Royal College of Physicians of London. Report of the Committee on Chronic Rheumatic Diseases.
European League Against Rheumatism.
Heberden Society.
IV World Congress of Cardiology.
Third Pan-American Congress of Rheumatology.
Abstracts.
Corrigendum.

Volume 21, No. 2. (Quarterly; £3 yearly.)

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Wednesday, July 18

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor Lárus Einarson (Denmark): Neuronal Changes in Vitamin E-deficient Monkeys.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. Tage Hilden (Copenhagen): The Copenhagen Anticoagulant Trial.

Thursday, July 19

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: SCHOOL OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE TEACHING.—At Lecture Theatre, Department of Pathology, 4.45 for 5 p.m., Professor Walter F. Lever (Boston, Mass.): Hyperlipaemic and Hypercholesterolaemic Xanthomatosis: Clinical, Biochemical, and Therapeutic Considerations.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At Hospital for Tropical Diseases, St. Pancras Way, London N.W., 7.30 p.m., clinical meeting.

Friday, July 20

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—3 p.m., Charles Tomes Lecture by Dr. John B. Macdonald: The Pathogenesis of Mixed Infections of Mucous Membranes.

APPOINTMENTS

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—P. R. Rege, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Ed., Surgical Registrar, Newmarket General Hospital; R. K. Bose, M.B., B.S., Medical Registrar, Papworth Hospital.
FRENCH, G. E., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Canada), Chief Medical Officer, Kuwait Oil Company in Kuwait.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—I. R. Carr, M.B., B.S., B.Chir., Medical Registrar attached to the Cardiovascular Unit; R. J. Purnell, M.B., B.S., Non-resident Anaesthetic Registrar; A. P. Mowat, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., and E. S. Mucklow, B.M., B.Ch., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., House-physicians (two posts).
MCLAREN, ROBERT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer, London Transport.
MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—W. J. Stanley, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist (nine half-days weekly), Ashton-under-Lyne General and Parkside Hospitals; A. M. Gregory, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.P.M., Whole-time Consultant Psychiatrist and Deputy Medical Superintendent, Royal Albert Hospital, near Lancaster.
NORTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Elizabeth V. Rohr, M.D., M.R.C.P., Consultant Physician, Brentford Hospital and Teddington Memorial Hospital; Barbara M. Ansell, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Consultant Physician, Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital and the Medical Research Council; R. Ll. Lloyd-Jones, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., Consultant Gynaecologist, Wembley Hospital.

DEATHS

Datnow.—On June 25, 1962, at Sefton Lodge, Crompton Lane, Liverpool 18, Morris Myer Datnow, M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed., F.R.C.O.G.
Elwes.—On June 24, 1962, at his home, Frederick Fenn Elwes, C.I.E., M.D., Lieutenant-Colonel I.M.S., retired, aged 87.
Northcroft.—On June 14, 1962, Earle Fead Northcroft, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.B., Ch.B., of Dunedin, New Zealand.
O'Meara.—On June 25, 1962, Eugene John O'Meara, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., Lieutenant-Colonel I.M.S., retired, of Tudor Lodge, Lever Avenue, Bournemouth, aged 87.
Probert.—On June 21, 1962, in hospital, William Routledge Probert, M.B., M.Chir., F.R.C.S., of 51 South Road, Sully, Penarth, Glamorgan.
Sheldon.—On June 16, 1962, at East London, South Africa, Hugh Frederick Sheldon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., aged 89.