

and it requires a rather difficult shifting of the grip in order to begin the extraction proper.

I have had made for me* a modified type of forceps eliminating these disadvantages without in any way detracting from the usefulness of the original instrument. As the Figure shows, the body of the forceps has been angled forwards to bring the centre of gravity more over the tip of the instrument. Serrated finger plates have been added to the direct-acting lower part, allowing an easy grip for the extraction by a simple rolling movement of thumb and forefinger.

*By Messrs John Weiss & Son Ltd., 287 Oxford Street, London, W. 1.

BOOK REVIEW

Biomicroscopie et histopathologie de l'oeil. Vol. I, Généralités, conjonctive, cornée.

By A. BUSACCA. French text, translated from the original Italian by Mme. R. M. Lodyginsky-de Sales. 1952. Schweizer Druck u. Verlagshaus A.G, Zurich. Pp. 480, 221 half-tones, 28 col. plates. (£17).

The first volume of Busacca's treatise on the biomicroscopy and histopathology of the eye is indeed a splendid production. More than a slit-lamp atlas and more than a study of the histology of pathological conditions, it combines all the contributions which can be made to an understanding of the processes of disease by a study of living tissues and laboratory preparations.

The present volume is divided into three parts. The first contains an analysis of the general processes of disease—vascular, inflammatory, degenerative, and other—which can be studied by these two methods, that lend themselves so well to an appreciation of ocular pathology. The two other sections deal with the conjunctiva and the cornea—their normal appearances as revealed by the slit-lamp and the microscope, and the changes which they suffer in disease. The two aspects of the subject are very happily married; the text is detailed, informative, and more than usually interesting; and the abundant illustrations are of an excellence which is rarely met with. There are no bibliographical references. On the whole the production is a triumph both for the author and the publishers, and its sequel will be expectantly awaited.

OBITUARY

HUGH PERCY BENNETT

WE regret to announce the death on July 20, after a short illness, of Mr. Hugh Percy Bennett. In recent years he had lived in retirement, seldom attending any medical meetings, but he played a prominent part in ophthalmological activities a generation ago. He was born in 1863 at Redcar, graduated M.B., C.M. from the University of Edinburgh in 1893, and having completed his house appointments in Edinburgh, became a clinical assistant at Moorfields. He then practised ear, nose, and throat surgery, as well as ophthalmology, at South Shields, and later moved to Newcastle