

*Illusions. A Psychological Study.* By JAMES SULLY.

This is one of the volumes of the International Series. The author enters into a fairly comprehensive review of the subject. He reviews the classification of illusions, the psychology of perception, the illusions of introspection, memory, and belief. Dreams as illusions and hallucinations, are also considered, and the teachings of hypnotism are utilised. The book will be found useful to the medical as well as to the general psychologist.

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*The Applied Anatomy of the Nervous System, being a Study of this portion of the Human Body from a Standpoint of its General Interest and Practical Utility, Designed for Use as a Text-book and a Work of Reference.* By AMBROSE L. RANNEY, M.A., M.D., Adjunct. Prof. of Anatomy, New York University, &c., &c. 500 pp. H. K. Lewis, London.

The title of this book raises our expectations; a cursory glance at the volume strengthens them; a careful examination of it disappoints them. Nevertheless, the work is not altogether devoid of merit.

The design is good. To link together the facts of anatomy that are capable of throwing light upon the diseases of the nervous system, to place, so to speak, the sick-room *en rapport* with the physiological laboratory, is as important as it is difficult. It is needless to dwell on the necessity for recognising the structural basis of symptoms. The necessity is acknowledged, and the whole progress of recent research testifies to it. True, we may perchance treat a disease successfully though we do not know much about the nature of it; but the result is an accident, and in such a case we strongly resemble, as Prof. Huxley remarked on a recent occasion, the man with a bludgeon fighting in the dark and hitting sometimes his friend and sometimes his foe. A book, then, that would competently carry out the design of the present volume would be a valuable addition to our literary possessions.

What are the merits and demerits of the present volume, and how has the author fulfilled his task? The chief merits are general trustworthiness and intelligibility; the chief