

Book Reviews

The Child with a Cleft Palate. By Ollie L. Backus, John N. Clancy, L. Dell Henry, and John Kemper. 33 p., illus. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1943.

This short pamphlet is written in a carefully restrained style, and is very reassuring to the overanxious parents of a baby they may think is marked for life. The plain fact of the matter is that present-day surgery can make the child, born with a cleft palate or cleft lip or both, practically, if not entirely, normal; good sense in his rearing will take away all feelings of abnormality. Apart from the obviously necessary surgical repair, the handling and conditioning of the child are most important. Great harm and permanent injury may, and usually do, result from thoughtless "babying" or pampering, through ill-advised pity. The handicapped child should be treated with understanding, but should never be thought of, or be permitted to think of himself, as unusual in any way. If the parents are careful never to call attention to the defect and are equally careful in the early training of the child, development will follow the "normal" pattern.

Stuttering: Significant Theories and Therapies. By Eugene F. Hahn. x + 177 p. Stanford University Press, Stanford University, Calif. 1943. \$2.00.

The stated purpose of this book is "to facilitate the study of the literature on stuttering by those interested in the problem who wish to make comparisons among the various theories and therapies." The views with respect to theory and therapy of 18 American and 7 European authorities are summarized briefly. No attempt has been made to evaluate or classify either the theories or the treatments. However, the advisability of using a variety of therapeutics in certain cases is stressed in appendix I in which are described the procedures employed by the author in the Speech Clinic of Wayne University.

Dental Vocabulary: English-Spanish: Spanish-English: Including Many Medical Terms. Joseph S. F. Marie (Editor). viii + 159 p. Jacques Cattell Press, Lancaster, Pa. 1943. \$4.00.

A handy glossary of dental and medical terms as translated from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English. The critical might question the practical utility of some of the words included in the vocabulary; for example, *swoon* (as a noun, not a verb). There are minor peculiarities of a similar character, but the dental field is well covered.