
BOOK REVIEW

CRYPTOCOCCOSIS (TORULOSIS OR EUROPEAN BLASTOMYCOSIS). *M. L. Littman and L. E. Zimmerman.* New York & London, Grune & Stratton, 1956. 205 pp.

It is probable that most clinicians are rather poorly oriented on the subject of mycotic diseases, which are often considered as rather exotic disorders. However, with their increasing frequency and the paucity of lucid literature on the subject, Littman and Zimmerman have decided upon the laudable plan of writing a series of monographs each dealing with one form of mycosis.

Cryptococcosis, the subject of this, the first monograph, is of particular interest to hematologists, since many of the studied cases have occurred in association with proliferative disorders of the leukocytic tissues, including Hodgkin's disease, the leukosarcomas, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. The numerous variations of cryptococcosis are well described, although their relation to the continued administration of the corticosteroids is only briefly discussed, possibly due to an insufficient number of observations on this point. It is stated: "There is growing suspicion that administration of cortisone to patients with cryptococcosis accelerates the disease."

This book covers the clinical, pathologic, and laboratory aspects of the disease very adequately and makes both for interesting reading and helpful reference to the clinician as well as to the laboratory worker in the field. There are many excellent photographs, including some beautiful color plates. Considering the lack of specific therapy in cryptococcosis, a possible criticism is the undue length of the chapter on treatment.

An appendix is included containing many formulae for culture media. There is an excellent bibliography. If the ensuing monographs are as well done as the present one, we will look forward to a complete and well done series of the mycotic infections.—
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THE STRESS OF LIFE. *H. Selye.* New York, Toronto and London, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 1956. 324 pp. \$5.95.

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