



The Range and Significance of Variation in the Human Skeleton (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Range and Significance of Variation in the Human Skeleton In 1878 an essay on the Identification of the Human Skeleton had the good fortune to receive the Shattuck Prize offered by the Massachusetts Medical Society. It is fitting that the same line of thought should be developed in the Shattuck Lecture. In that essay were discussed the recognition of the sex and age of the skeleton, the method of estimating the height and of making proper allowance for such parts as might be wanting. To some of these questions I brought methods of my own, but for many points I was forced to rely on the statements in books, too often quoted one from another. No part of medical literature is so perfunctory, artificial, and altogether unsatisfactory as medico-legal anatomy. During my professorship at the Harvard Medical School I have tried to use the material for original investigations, to find new criteria of sex and of age, to observe the degree of asymmetry between the two sides of the body, to learn how frequently...



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