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BOOK REVIEW

Title: THE YEAR BOOK OF ORTHOPAEDICS 1982
Editor: Mark B. Coventry, MD, MS, Consultant Department of Orthopaedics, Mayo Clinic and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Mayo Medical School
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Price: £31.00   456 pages, numerous illustrations and diagrams.   Index

This book is made up of summaries of selected papers published in 1981 with editorial comments by the editor and by many of his colleagues at the Mayo Clinic.

A survey of 62 Journals was done and summaries of the works of over 600 authors are presented.

Apart from a regional classification there are special sections on Paediatrics, Sports Injuries, Fractures, Tumours and Infections and one titled Miscellaneous which contains an account of injuries in a rising American sport — mechanical bull riding. It appears that the natural bull is too predictable and the directional forces it can generate to unseat a rider can be improved upon by this machine. Sprains, contusions, fractures, dislocations and combinations of these are described under the title of The Empty Saddle Syndrome which cannot fail to induce pathos. One wonders why it was not included in the Sports Medicine section which contains a paper on Hot Air Ballooning injuries — this, described as an enchanting sport — produces neck, and other spinal injuries, rib cage fractures and lower limb and ankle fractures in a dozen subjects. The relative incidence related to the number of participants is not mentioned but would be of interest to those about to take up this activity.

The Achilles tendon and its investigation by xenographic and mammographic techniques, patellar and symphysis pubic disorders, cycling and volley balling injuries are all discussed.

As always an interesting book to browse through and well worth buying if you are an orthopaedist.

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