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Owing to the great reception this book has been accorded by surgeons throughout the world and also owing to the recent advances that have been made in Abdominal Surgery since the publication of the fifth edition of *Abdominal Operations* in 1969, it has been necessary to bring this edition up to date, to revise the whole work thoroughly and completely, to delete a number of out-dated chapters and many old illustrations, to enlarge and to reset it entirely into new Sections, Chapters and Parts, and to design a new format.

*Revision for this Sixth Edition has been so extensive that it really represents a completely new book.*

To ensure that certain specialized subjects in this vast field should receive expert consideration the aid of 97 eminent contributors has been invoked, with the addition of 26 new Chapters and Parts and 604 illustrations, the majority being drawn by well known medical artists.

This work by a combined team of distinguished Anglo-American authors is intended to present a *complete and explicit account of the technique of all of the approved abdominal operations* as are practised today in the Teaching Hospitals, large General Hospitals, and Surgical Clinics in Great Britain and the United States.

It also deals with the choice of operations; the preoperative preparation and the postoperative care of the patient; the immediate and remote results of the various procedures described; the difficulties and dangers which sometimes arise during the conduct of operations; the consequences of altered physiology (metabolic disorders) which follow many abdominal procedures; *recent progress in abdominal surgery*, as well as the importance of decision in the time of emergency.

Throughout these two volumes my prime object has been to provide top priority and especial emphasis to the numerous technical steps of abdominal operations. This will be appreciated by realizing that fully 80 percent of the illustrations and contents are devoted to the minutiae of present-day technique.

However, brief and relevant accounts have also been submitted on modern diagnostic procedures including radiological, endoscopic, biochemical and other laboratory investigations, as well as on the clinical and pathological aspects of many lesions of the abdominal viscera.

In a work of this nature dealing as it does with a large number of subjects, many of which are closely related, it is impossible to avoid a certain degree of repetition, overlapping, difference of opinion and controversy. According to Moynihan \* "Controversy in surgery may often tend to be coarsening, but we cannot gainsay it has occasional advantages. It serves to challenge opinions which might be too readily accepted; to oppose reason to authority; to destroy prejudices, or to support a truth which otherwise might long pass unnoticed. . . . Controversy is the very soul of scholarship."

As all literature is personal, the contributors have been given a free hand with their individual sections. A certain latitude in style and expression is stimulating to the thoughtful reader.

The occasional diversity of opinion expressed may be helpful by encouraging a closer study of such subjects to enable the reader to form his own conclusions. I also believe that a certain degree of repetition in order to emphasize a point in teaching, to enforce a precept, or to offer an illustration cannot well be avoided.

It is hoped that this new edition will gain even further favour and will continue to appeal, as it has done in the past 33 years, to abdominal surgeons, to chief assistants on surgical units, to surgical registrars, to resident surgical officers, to general surgeons, to

\* *The Spleen and Some of Its Diseases*, John Wright & Sons Ltd., Bristol, 1921.

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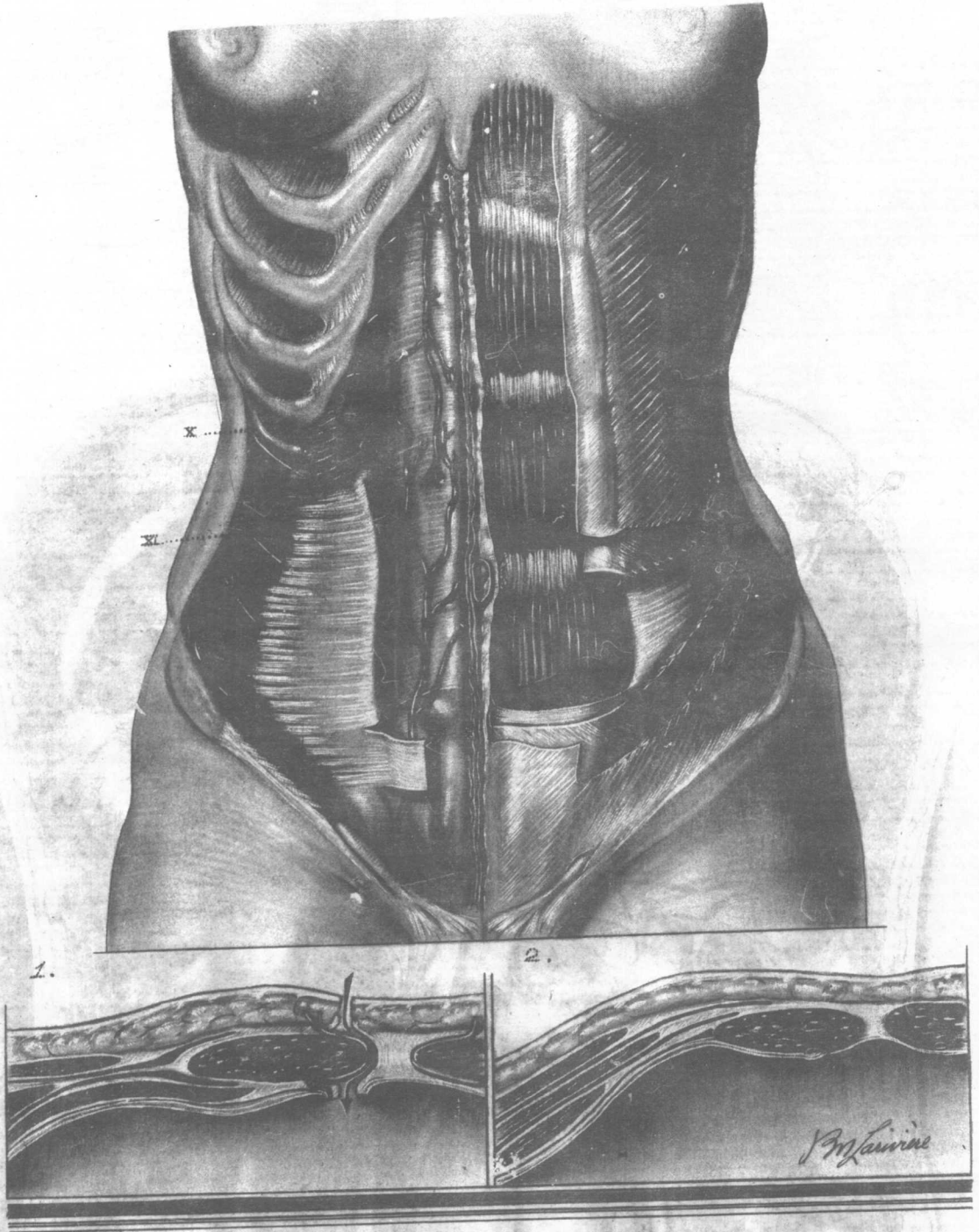


FIG. 1. Anatomical study depicting the muscular and aponeurotic distribution and the nerve and blood supply of the anterior abdominal wall. 1. Illustration of a transverse section of the anterior abdominal wall above the umbilicus. 2. Illustration of a transverse section of the anterior abdominal wall below the semilunar fold of Douglas. Note the direction of the dorsal nerves, the position of the superior and inferior epigastric arteries and of the fibrous intersections of the rectus muscle.

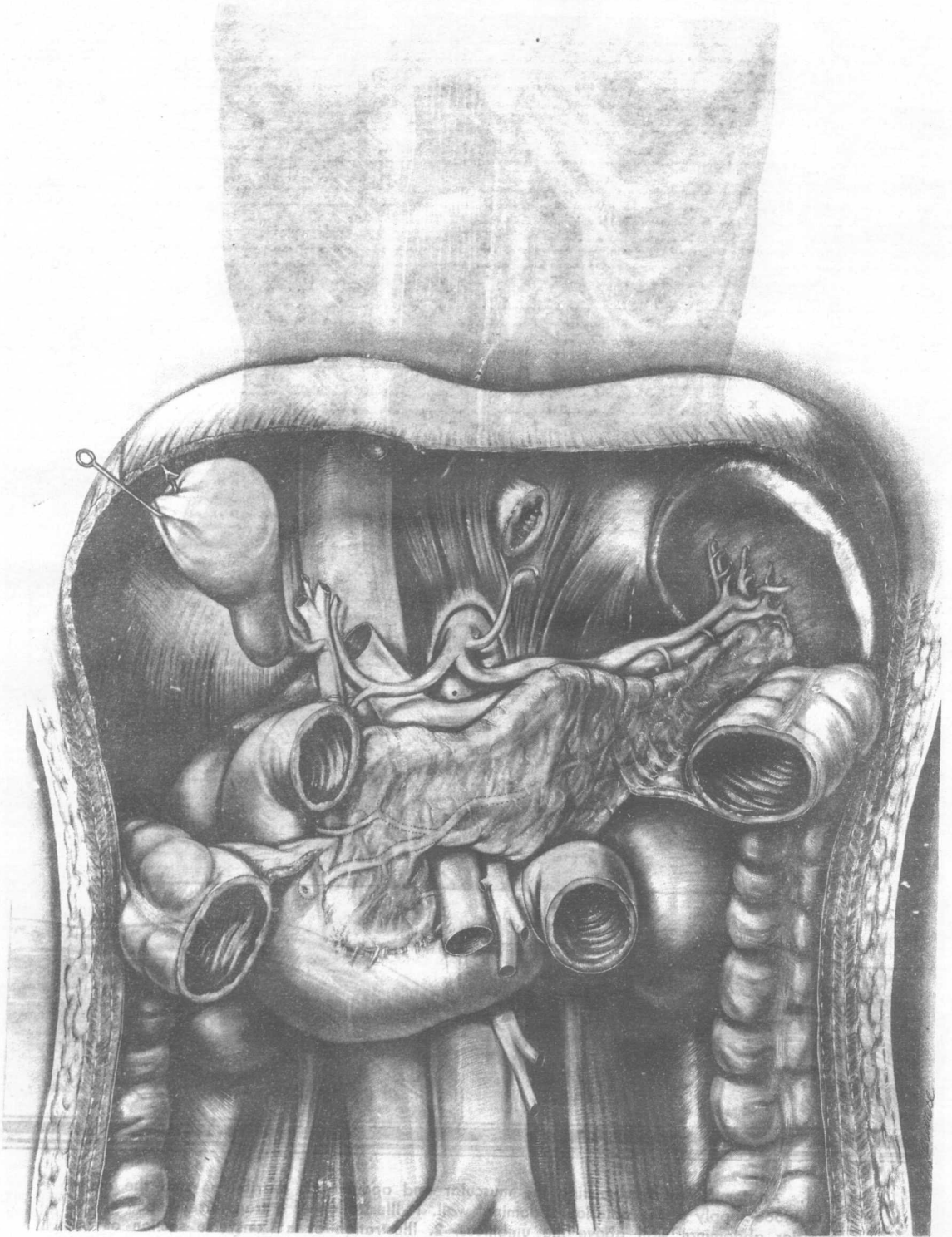


FIG. 2. The anatomy of the pancreas.



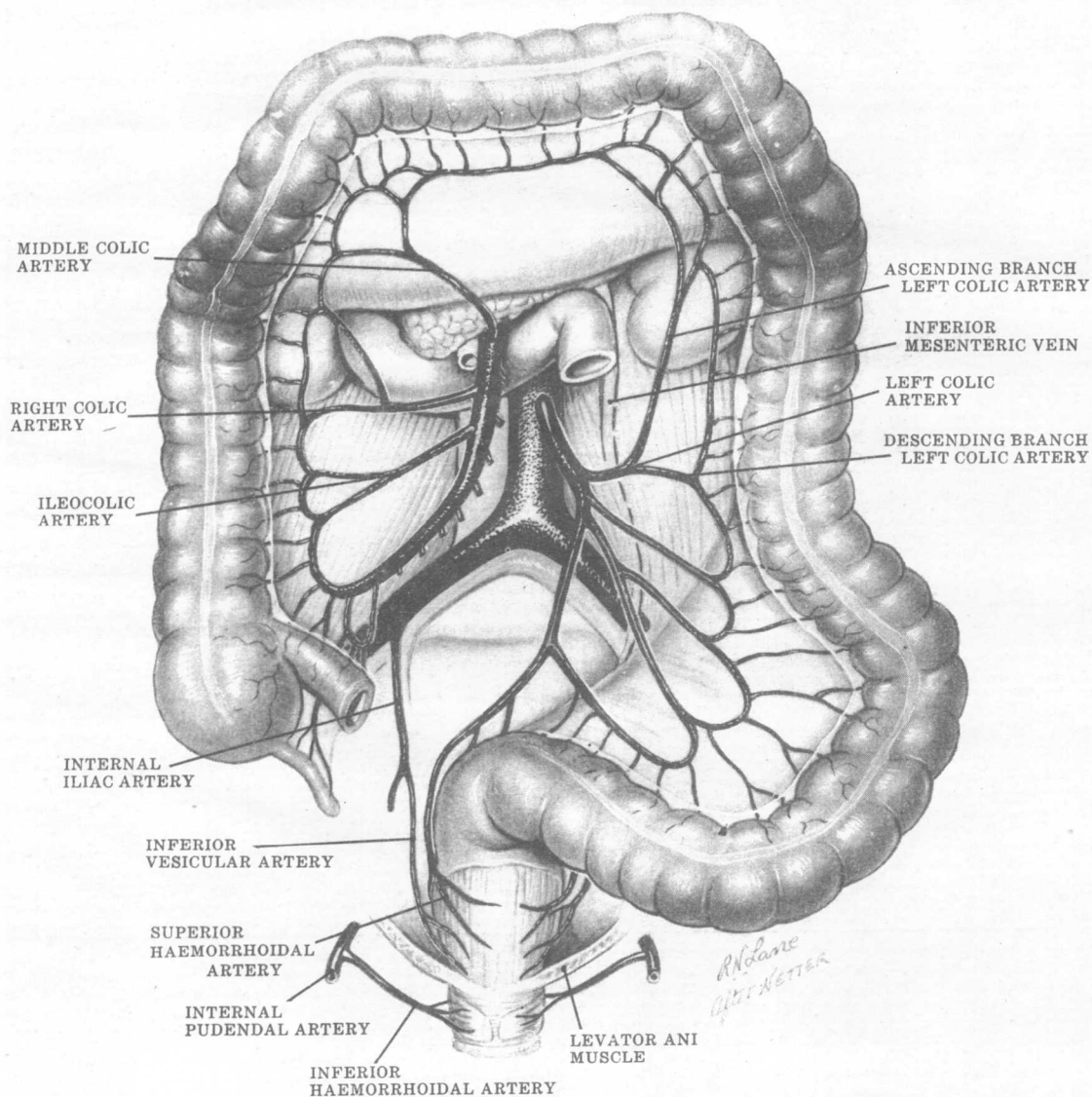


FIG. 3. Arterial blood supply to the colon and rectum.