TABLE II N-PHENYLGLYCINE HYDRAZIDES NHCH₂CONHNH₂

R M.p., °C. Formula C H N C H 2-F 89.5–90.5 $C_8H_{10}FN_8O$ 52.45 5.50 22.94 52.47 5.58	N 23.11
2-F 89.5-90.5 $C_{sH_{10}}FN_{sO}$ 52.45 5.50 22.94 52.47 5.58	23.11
3-F 113.5-114 52.44 5.57	22.84
4-F $114.5-115^{\circ}$ 52.36 5.43	22.83
2-Cl 92.5-93.5 ^b $C_8H_{10}ClN_{3O}$ 48.13 5.05 21.05 48.25 4.94	21.06
3-Cl 87-88 48.24 5.01	20.88
4-Cl $146.5-147.5^{a_1c}$ 47.91 4.97	20.95
$2-Br 106-107 C_8H_{10}BrN_3O 39.36 4.13 17.22 39.66 4.03$	17.24
3-Br 84-85 39.64 4.14	16.94
4-Br $143.5-144.5^{\circ}$ 39.41 4.22	17.16
$3-I 124.5-125.5 C_8H_{10}IN_3O 33.01 3.46 14.43 33.28 3.49$	14.44
$3-CH_3$ 90-91 $C_9H_{19}N_8O$ 60.32 7.31 23.44 60.39 7.07	23.50
4-CH ₃ $152.5-154^d$ 60.53 7.14	
2-Cl, 3-Cl $161-162^{\circ}$ C ₈ H ₉ Cl ₂ N ₃ O 41.05 3.87 17.95 41.59 3.83	17.97
2-F, 4-F 105-106 $C_{8}H_{9}F_{2}N_{3}O$ 47.76 4.51 20.89 47.84 4.55	20.86
3-F, 4-F 95-96 47.84 4.58	20.78
2-Br, 4-F 129–130 $C_8H_9BrFN_3O$ 36.66 3.46 16.03 36.75 3.53	15.94
4-Br, 2-F $116-117^{t}$ 36.90 3.48	15.85
	19.20
3-Cl, 2-F 111–112 ⁶ 44.57 4.27	19.37
3-Cl, 4-F 100-101 44.39 4.38	19.57
	19.48
$3-F, 2-CH_3 120-121 C_9H_{12}FN_3O 54.80 6.09 21.32 54.70 6.27$	21.48
$3-F$, $4-CH_3$ 150.5-151.5 54.97 6.07	21.29
$2\text{-}F, \ 5\text{-}CF_3 \qquad 150, 5\text{-}151, 5 \qquad C_9H_9F_4N_8O \qquad 43.04 \qquad 3.61 \qquad 16.73 \qquad 43.28 \qquad 3.59$	17.07
$2\text{-CH}_3, 3\text{-CH}_3 142, 5143.5 \qquad \text{Cl}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O} \qquad 62.15 \qquad 7.82 \qquad 21.76 \qquad 62.29 \qquad 7.63$	21.62
2-CH ₃ , 5-CH ₃ 107.5-108.5 61.92 7.64	21.75
2-CH ₃ , 6-CH ₃ 99–101 62.13 7.62	21.50
3-CH₃ , 4-CH₃ 142–143 62.34 7.63	21.69

^a Lit.⁴ m.p. 115°, 4-fluoro; 140°, 4-chloro; 161°, 4-bromo. ^b Forms ethanol of crystallization. ^c S. Passeron and G. A. Brieux [Bull. soc. chim. France, 35 (1963)] reported m.p. 146°, 4-chloro; 150–152°, 2,3-dichloro. ^d T. Takahashi, J. Okada, and Y. Yamamoto [Yakugaku Zasshi, **77**, 645 (1957)] report n.p. 150°.

Book Reviews

Green Medicine. The Search for Plants that Heal. By MARGARET B. KREIG. Rand McNally and Co., Chicago, Ill. 1964. 462 pp. \$5.95.

Magazine editors, mystery writers, lady ex-marines, past premedical students, fashion models, and even medical science writers do not often publish a book which should be read by medicinal and natural products chemists. Yet, Mrs. Kreig has been involved in all these activities before she became fascinated by medicinal plants. She acquired the background needed for this book by reading widely, from novels and semipopular accounts to the bona fide technical literature of botanical drugs. She joined expeditions into the South American rain forests and participated in searches for drug plants led by botanists, organic chemists, and physicians, and staffed by academic, governmental, and industrial scientists. In addition, she interviewed in person, by telephone, and by correspondence hundreds of the foremost scientists in the field all over the world, and by intuition and literary talent filled in the gaps to produce a continuous story.

The book, dedicated to the American Society of Pharmacognosy, is divided into three parts. The first one is called Medicine Scouts and Their Methods, and tells of the quest for strophantus species, field notes from Africa, encounters with Indians, witch doctors, prinitive peoples, and truly moving and exciting adventures on botanical expeditions. The second part, Biographies of Botanicals, gives strikingly written, readable, and accurate histories of the discoveries and uses of quinine, digitalis glycosides, curare, chaulnoogra oil, sarsaparilla, and steroid raw materials from Mexican yams. This reviewer admits that the stories of contemporary phases of these searches, as gathered in personal interviews, sound at times different from accounts in text books in pharmacology which did not go to the trouble of tracing the stories back to their source. The accounts of the true roles of Russell E. Marker and of Albert Hofmann, to name just two of many, are told with restraint and care. If for no other reason, we owe Mrs. Kreig thanks for providing us with the results of her personal inquiries.

In the third part of the book, Frontiers of Research, opinions and uncertainties enter into the tales, as they must in unfinished phases of scientific work. Here the author feels less sure of herself. In her interpretations of the story of CNS active agents, originally from botanicals (reserpine, LSD, mescaline, etc.), she has tried so hard not to overstep scientifically established facts that these chapters are duller than those in the earlier sections. There are too many botanical and chemical names and too much medical reporting for the intelligent layman, and yet far too little for the therapeutically oriented scientist. But even in these chapters, much of real interest can be found, particularly for younger readers, and for those of us who want to read about the participation of many of our friends, of many members of the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society, in these searches and researches, and to see their photographs in unusual settings. A surprisingly large and varied bibliography concludes this remarkable volume. In no case has the author permitted herself to be carried away with a feeling of an overwhelming importance of botanical agents, but she has placed them in nearly as true a perspective with regard to synthetic drugs as one can. Drugs from plants provide us with novel structures, and as a side issue with fascinating insights into

plant metabolism and biosynthesis. The role of folklore as a guide to choosing plants as drug sources has always been debatable, and the present book has restricted these traditional tales to defendable facts and experiences.

Those of us who want to be entertained as well as taught in natural products selection and research will find this book among the best and one of the most acceptable in this area.

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Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy. By K. NAKANISHI, Tokyo Kyoiku University. Holden Day, Inc., San Francisco, Calif. 1962. iv + 233 pp. 26×18 cm. \$8.00.

This is an English version of the author's book first published in Japanese in 1960. The first section, entitled Qualitative Data, gives a brief description of the subject; this is followed by tables of characteristic frequencies of functional groups and by a discussion of the positions and intensities of the absorption bands. Other chapters present various factors, such as the influence of the state of measurement and molecular structure on band position and intensity.

Careful study of the problems in conjunction with the answer section will enable a student to acquire rapidly a proficiency in the interpretation of infrared spectra.

The appendix includes tables of n.n.r. data on chemical shifts, spin-spin coupling constants, dependence of J on the dihedral angle, and a wave number-wave length conversion table.

The only drawback of this book is the absence of a section on the preparation of samples for obtaining infrared spectra.

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Application of NMR Spectroscopy in Organic Chemistry. By N. S. BHACCA and D. H. WILLIAMS. Holden-Day, Inc., San Francisco, Calif. 1964. x + 198 pp. 19×26 cm. \$7.95.

Since 1959, a number of books dealing with the basic principles and applications of n.m.r. spectroscopy have been available to the organic chemist wishing to use this physical method. Each of these books has dealt with the theory, fundamentals of instrumentation, and a limited number of applications in organic chemistry in an informative manner. However, the enormous increase in the amount of data available on the n.m.r. spectra of organic compounds has made clear the need for an up-to-date text that would furnish the basic knowledge needed to obtain nseful, structural information from an n.m.r. spectrum. It is that need that the anthors of the volume have set out to satisfy.

Employing examples predominantly from the steroid field, for reasons very similar to those explained by Professor Djerassi in

concisely achieved their stated objective. Starting with a brief introduction of the subject, they have dealt with the proton resonances occurring in the more common chemical environments. These include methyl, methylene, methine, and olefinic protons and the influence of functional groups upon them. In addition, separate chapters have been devoted to long-range spin-spin coupling and the use of n.m.r. in the determination of configuration and conformation. Drawing on their own wide experience in the field and that of many other chemists, the authors have, for the most part, skillfully illustrated these subjects with minicrons spectra and selected references to the more recent papers in the field. The use of some relatively new techniques such as 100-Mc, spectra, spin decoupling, deuterinme labeling, and solvent effects, which have greatly simplified the analysis of spectra containing many similar protons, has also been discussed. The chapter on solvent effects is particularly worthy of mention since, to the knowledge of the reviewer, it is the first such wide-ranging treatment of the subject in a book of this kind.

This monograph should prove extremely valuable to graduate students just learning the physical method and to many practicing organic chemists who wish to broaden their backgrounds and use the technique with a minimum of theoretical knowledge.

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Medical Pharmacology. By ANDREW GOTH, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. C. V. Mosby Co., Publisher, St. Louis, Mo. 1964, 585 pp. 17×25 cm. \$11.75.

This textbook of pharmacology is unique in that it covers the subject in 585 pages rather than the 2000 pages which has been customary for the last several decades in the more encyclopediac textbooks of pharmacology. The author has reduced the length of the text without seriously impairing the coverage of the subject.

Modern concepts of pharmacology are emphasized including mechanism of drug action and the metabolism and excretion of drugs. It is interesting and refreshing to find an author who introduces these concepts of pharmacology and has not relied on earlier textbooks for material. The sections on psychopharmacology, the autonomic nervous system, and antihypertensives are good examples presenting the newer concepts of pharmacology in a general text on the subject.

The illustrations are simple but effective. The text is hield and ensy to read. From the standpoint of the medicinal chemist, structure-activity relationships are not emphasized but this is compensated for by the excellent discussions on mechanism of drug action.

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