

details, which give information of value to wholesalers and manufacturers and may also be studied advantageously by retailers.

*Reagenzien und Reaktionen der Gebräuchlichen Elemente und Alkaloide.* Von Gustav Meyer, Apotheker. Gold-Mk 1.50. Verlag von Gebr. Steffen, Limburg a. d. Lahn.

This handy little volume was compiled by a German apotheker and is intended for the use of students of pharmacy (male and female, as stated on title page), chemistry and medicine. On 102 pages the principal reagents and reactions are given. The simple tests for alkaloids should be of special interest. I notice that Meyer still uses the old chemical formula for ferric chloride, *i. e.*,  $Fe_2Cl_6$ .

*Grundzüge der Anorganischen Chemie.* Ein Kurzgefasstes Hilfsbuch und Repetitorium für Studierende der Naturwissenschaften, Medizin und Pharmazie. Von Dr. Phil. et Ing. Ludwig Wolf, Assistant am Chemischen Institut der Universität Berlin. Octav. 231 p. Franz Deuticke, Wien I, 1924.

This book from the pen of a teacher of chemistry and a practical man besides, brings out the most important facts. For this reason it is especially valuable to the students of pharmacy and medicine as a textbook as well as a review book, and also to the pharmacist and physician as a hand and reference work. Seven illustrations help to elucidate the text and the appended two tables on Periodic system and the family tree of the Uranium—Radium—Actinium group, are valuable additions. A fifteen page, double column index, very complete and detailed, concludes the excellent book.

*Der Kräutersammler.* Von Prof. Dr. Hermann Kunz-Krause, Gch. Medizinalrat in Dresden. 101 pp. 45 cents. Gehe—Verlag, Dresden N. 6.

The author is well known in pharmacy, chemistry and medicine the world over. Besides being a practical German apotheker and member of the State Board of Pharmacy, he is director of the Chemical Institute of the Veterinary College in Dresden and also editor of the *Pharmazeutische Nachrichten*, published by Gehe & Co., the Dresden drug firm known universally. Prof. Dr. Kunz-Krause has gained a well-earned reputation by his German translation of Guareschi's master work on alkaloids and by his many contributions on phyto-chemical and pharmaco-chemical researches, published in the pharmaceutical and chemical literature throughout the world.

The first part of the "Herb collector" is devoted to general principles and rules for the collection of plants, which should be strictly followed in order to dispose of the herbs in the market at a fair price. In the second part fifty medicinal plants are described, beginning with Arnica, and ending with Wurmfarne (Aspidium). These monographs are very complete and contain German and Latin name, synonyms, family, description, habitat, commercial drug, time of collection, constituents, uses, etc.

May I suggest that in future editions of this valuable book the index be placed at the end, instead of in the center?

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

*Contribution to the Anatomy of the Official and Pharmaceutically Employed Leaf Drugs of the Composite.* An inaugural dissertation for the doctor's degree by Gustav Weiss. The work was completed at the Pharmaceutical Institute of the University of Basel. Encouragement for the investigation was given by Prof. Dr. H. Zörnig. The candidate dedicates the work to his father and the memory of his mother.

*Pulvis Effervescens Compositus.*—A Century of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. A thesis submitted for the degree of Master of Science by Arthur Henry Neumann. Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin—serial No. 1304. General Series No. 1081. A general history is given and also the Pharmacopœial history and synonymy; this is followed by tests of the U. S. P. and comments, the titles, synonyms, abbreviations; consideration of the constituents, assay, etc.

#### THE DRUG STORE FORUM.

The *New York Sun* of recent date, in an editorial, comments on the information obtainable in the drug store, and especially as it applies to the drug stores of the smaller cities. The editorial throughout, while largely concerned with the recent trial in Dayton, Tenn., stresses the publicity given and discussion of events in drug stores, indicating the extent of its influence, not only in political matters, social affairs, but also educational subjects. All this signifies that if the trend of thought is directed in the right way pharmacy may be advanced in various directions and the inroads so evident in some sections stopped.