

marily, for British physicians and pharmacists, it is adaptable by those of the United States.

That the revision is up-to-date is indicated by prescriptions containing more recent remedies, for example: Benzoyl derivatives, organic silver compounds, insulin, those suggested for colloidal therapy, urea derivatives, organo therapy, etc.

The index of diseases and classified remedies has been thoroughly revised. A table of approximate equivalents in terms of the Imperial and Metric Systems is included; the equivalents of the American systems would have added to that extent to value of the book for this country. As a reference, the *Book of Prescriptions* frequently will be of valuable assistance to the dispenser.

*Therapeutics, Materia Medica and Pharmacy.* The special therapeutics of diseases and symptoms, the physiological and therapeutical actions of drugs, the modern materia medica, official and practical pharmacy, prescription writing, and antidotal and antagonistic treatment of poisoning. By Samuel O. L. Potter, A.M., M.D. Fourteenth edition, revised by R. J. E. Scott, M.A., B.C.L., M.D. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co. About 1000 pp. Price \$8.50.

Former editions of this well- and favorably-known work have been reviewed in these columns; it might be sufficient to say that the present revision has brought it up-to-date, because the general plan of former editions has been followed; much new matter has been added, considerable revision and some deletions are noted in Part I—"Materia Medica and Therapeutics," and Part III—"Special Therapeutics." In these sections of the book the pharmacist is interested because of the discussions relative to therapeutic action and value of the Materia Medica, constituents, composition, dosage, uses, etc. The information, though concisely given, covers nearly 500 pages. Part III has about 250 pp.; the arrangement, as in Part I, is alphabetical; the application of remedial agents is carefully considered and about 20 pp. are given to treatment of poisoning, antidotes, antagonists, etc.

Part II has greater interest for pharmacists, being devoted to pharmacy and prescription-writing; pharmaceutical processes, dispensing, prescription practice, problems and methods involved in the latter as well as in pharmaceutical manufacture are well presented. While these chapters are not as comprehensive as those in exclusive treatises on pharmacy,

the volume has a value for the pharmacist because it includes the subjects previously mentioned.

Laws and regulations applying to the prescribing and dispensing of narcotics and alcoholics are included; a number of pages are given to Latin in connection with terms frequently used and their application in prescription-writing.

The volume also contains a number of convenient and useful tables of thermometric equivalents, weights, measures, percentage solutions, and doses. In every respect this revision compares favorably with former editions.

*Potter's Compend of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Prescription Writing.* Revised by A. D. Bush, B.S., M.D. Ninth Edition, 262 pages. P. Blakiston's Son and Company, Philadelphia. Price \$2.00.

The revision conforms with U. S. Pharmacopœia X. The Materia Medica is considered according to the following grouping: Restoratives, agents promoting waste, alteratives, astringents, cerebral depressants, cerebral excitants, motor depressants, motor excitants, antizymotics and antipyretics, specifics, evacuants, topical agents. The Compend concludes with a chapter on Latin and Prescription-Writing. The purpose of the well-known compend is to furnish a concise résumé of the relatively more important data of the subjects under consideration. This volume would have been enhanced in value for those who use it most, if the reviser had included the preparations of the National Formulary V. With that exception this volume meets the purpose indicated by the publisher.

*Gould and Pyle Pocket Cyclopedia of Medicine and Surgery.* Third edition, revised and edited by R. J. E. Scott, M.A., B.C.L., M.D., New York. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Philadelphia. Price \$2.50; with thumb index, \$3.00.

The publisher's announcement states that "This compact Pocket Medical Cyclopedia" was prepared based originally upon the large "Cyclopedia of Medicine," by Drs. Gould and Pyle. This, like the former edition, has been edited by Dr. R. J. E. Scott of New York City, who brings to the revision the results of a wide medical and literary experience. The success of the former printings amply justifies its publication; it has had a large circulation at home and in many parts of the world, so

in its improved form we have confidence that it will continue to meet the same approval.

The general plan of the book remains as before, including the Dose Table which is in accordance with the new United States Pharmacopœia X.

It has been thoroughly revised, much of it has been rewritten, a great many new articles have been incorporated and a few of the old ones omitted, all of which has resulted in an increase of 150 pages.

Special provision has been made for the needs of the reader who looks for immediate information. In the furtherance of this object the number of cross references has been largely increased, so too has the amount of matter in tabular form, therefore will be found much more useful than before.

This is a convenient reference book, useful because of the concise explanations and definitions of diseases and medical terms, giving information that a pharmacist frequently requires. There are many tables, including, as stated, dosage, poisons and antidotes, etc. For the physician this volume has a larger use and the size, about 4 x 6, and being bound in flexible leather make it a convenient pocket reference, even though it has more than 900 pages.

*Riedel's Mentor*, 1926. 60th edition. Bound in half-calf. 1200 pp. Subscription price, R. M. 20.

Although this is the first revision of *Riedel's Mentor* since 1914, it is the 60th edition; this in itself speaks for the value of this work. It is really an index of pharmaceutical products and medicinal specialties, with concise descriptions of them; in many instances the components are given. Reference numbers refer to the manufacturers of these preparations. In order to condense the voluminous information, abbreviations are made use of, thus giving information relative to dosage, uses, sources, therapeutic effect, appearance, etc.

It is almost safe to say that few preparations, worthy of listing, are omitted, *i. e.*, those having sale in Europe; however, many American products are included. This edition has been revised by Dr. Paul Siedler and Felix Dietze, pharmacist of Goslar. The publishers are Jdra-Verlagsanstalt G. m. b. H., Berlin-Britz.

While the volume is most useful for the drug trade of Europe, it will be found of great value to druggists and pharmacists everywhere.

Eighteen thousand titles, in alphabetical order, indicate the comprehensiveness of the work, and each one of these is accompanied by the descriptions to which reference has been made.

The list of manufacturers appears in double column arrangement of 70 pages. There is also included a brief dictionary of technical and medical terms derived from languages other than German.

Perhaps an example (substance of the description) will explain the method of listing and describing the preparations:

**Acetol.** Mixture of Alum 3% with 8.5% of Acetic Acid, 88% of water. Flavor—Clove, Peppermint, etc. For tooth-ache.

**Acetol.** Registered name in Canada for Acetylsalicylic Acid.

This chosen title suggested itself because of the two different products indicated by the same name. The constituents are not always given, but in most instances the description serves the purpose; the claim is not made that the book is a formulary.

Pharmacists having need for references to foreign, particularly German, products will find this a useful index, also wholesalers and manufacturers.

The book is well bound in half-leather, the paper is good and the type clear. The firm "Riedel" is a sufficient guarantee that the work has been carefully prepared.

*Chemistry in Industry.* Edited by H. E. Howe, Chairman, American Chemical Society Committee on Prize Essays and Editor, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry.* Published by the Chemical Foundation, Inc., 85 Beaver St., New York. Price \$1.00.

The work has been prepared by leaders in their respective lines. The book has 428 pages of 22 chapters, illustrated; the names of subjects and authors will answer the purpose of a review:

"I. Catalysis—A New Factor in Industry," by Elwood Hendrick, Curator, Chandler Chemical Museum, Columbia University. "II. The Chemists' Contributions to Aviation," by C. W. Seibel, Helium Division, Bureau of Miners. "III. Casein—A Waste of One Industry Made the Raw Material of Many Others," by George H. Brother, Operating Manager, Karolith Corporation. "IV. The Chemical Rainbow," by M. L. Crossley, Chief Chemist, Calco Chemical Company. "V. Chemistry and Its Application to the Confectionery Industry," by Stroud Jordan,