

principles set forth in the recovery legislation. According to the President's order, the Federal Trade Commission, in handling such complaints, will follow the procedure set forth in its organic act. In the event the nature of the complaint is such as to be beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission, the President's order makes it possible for the complainant to take his grievance to the Justice Department.

DRUG CONFERENCE BILL IN SENATE.

The National Drug Trade Conference Bill to amend the present food and drugs act was introduced in the senate by Senator H. D. Stephens of Mississippi.

The bill is the same as that introduced in the house by Representative Loring Black. It bears the number S. 2355, and was introduced by the Senator "by request." Senator Stephens is chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, which also has before it the revised Tugwell food and drug bill sponsored by Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York.

The special committee of the conference, appointed at the last annual meeting to promote reasonable revision of the food and drugs act, met in Washington January 24th, to discuss the various bills offered for such revision.

LEGALITY OF RETAIL AUCTIONING OF DRUGS QUESTIONED.

Assistant Attorney General G. C. A. Anderson holds that retail auctioning of drugs and drug preparations cannot be held outside of a pharmacy under the pharmacy and drug laws of Maryland. In his opinion:

"The pharmacy and drug laws of this state contain various provisions regulating pharmacies, many of which are for the protection of the public against indiscriminate sale of poisonous drugs or harmful medicines. None of these provisions is complied with or even remotely fulfilled in a sale of this character.

"Therefore, it is my opinion that the auction sale of drugs, as outlined, cannot be held under the pharmacy and drug laws of this state."

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Illustrierter Apotheker Kalender 1934—Illustrierter Apotheker Kalender 1934, prepared by DR. FRITZ FERCHL, Mittenwald, Germany, price 75¢.

This annual publication is always welcome. This issue is the ninth, and is full of historical material, beautifully illustrated. Quite a number of drug jars of various periods are shown; on one page prescriptions of the father of the poet Schiller are reproduced. Quite a number of old apothecary shops are among the illustrations, and apparatus of the eighteenth century. Then follow pictures of pharmacies in which the religious thought enters. There are also quite a number of mortars of various periods. A picture of the old E. Merck pharmacy—The Engel Apotheke. Throughout the Kalender will be found much interesting historical information. Those who have had an earlier copy of this Kalender will, no doubt, desire the one for 1934.

The Medicinal and Poisonous Plants of Southern Africa. By JOHN MITCHELL WATT, M.B., Ch.B., professor of Pharmacology in the University of Witwaterstrand, Johannesburg, and MARIA GERDINA BREYER AND BRANDWIJK, formerly lecturer in Pharmacology and

research worker in Phytochemistry in the Department of Pharmacology, University of Witwaterstrand, Johannesburg. Published by Wm. Wood & Co., Baltimore. This volume of more than three hundred pages contains twelve illustrations in color and twenty in black and white. It gives an account of the medicinal uses, chemical composition, pharmacological effects, and toxicology in man and animals of the medicinal and poisonous plants of Southern Africa. One hundred twenty-eight plant families are represented and many of them are described at length and others briefly. The aim has been to give all the available information on the medicinal uses, chemical composition, pharmacological effects, and human and veterinary toxicology of the flora of Southern Africa. The book forms a useful basis for new work and its publication may prevent overlapping and repetition by other workers in this field. The authors hope that the medical practitioner, the pharmacist, the missionary, the forensic workers and the scientist will find it of value in their several spheres.

The indices give botanical names of the plants, common names from European lan-

guages, native names and active principles; obsolete names have also been recorded. The authors have given the results of research relating to the plants; they are deeply indebted to the station of the Division of Plant Industry at Pretoria for determining the plant specimens which number over twenty-five hundred.

Allan's Commercial Organic Analysis, Volume X, published by P. Blakiston Son & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

Preceding volumes of this valuable publication have been reviewed in the JOURNAL and all of the commendatory references made heretofore apply to this volume. It is well bound and printed and covers more than 800 pages.

Volume X is devoted to Haemoglobin and Its Derivatives, Albuminoids or Scleroproteins, Structural Proteins, Examination of Food-stuffs for Vitamins, the Hormones, the Identification of Unknown Woods and Charcoals, the Pectic Substances.

The Editor is C. Ainsworth Mitchell of the *Analyst*, consulting chemist of London and other contributors are: J. Addyman Gardner, G. A. Buckmaster, J. Alexander, W. P. Dreaper, R. H. Marriott, J. C. Drummond, Katherine Coward, K. Culhane, S. W. F. Underhill, J. C. Maby, H. W. Buston and M. B. Elliott. This volume completes the fifth edition of "Allan's Commercial Organic Analysis," and as the Editor states, the subjects treated have become more miscellaneous in character than the preceding editions. It is hardly possible for a chemist to carry on his researches without this work and this applies also to those doing research in pharmacy. This volume contains the *general index*. As stated, this publication is so generally and favorably known that it is unnecessary to extend this notice.

Spezialitäten Taxe, published by the German Apothecaries Society. This comprehensive index of more than twelve hundred pages lists all medicinal preparations in the various forms represented on the market, proprietary preparations, officials, etc. Those coming under specific legislation, as narcotics are designated; also, the purposes for which they are used and the industry or profession employing them. In other words, the information given is of value to all pharmacists, druggists, manufacturers and dealers.

It is a German publication but can readily be used as reference by all engaged anywhere in the drug industry. The tabulation gives the information required on all preparations, as

far as purchase and selling prices are concerned. The first column notes whether the product comes under specific legislation, the next column gives the wholesale price followed by the name of the preparation, form and other descriptive matter. The next column describes the package; then follows the selling price without tax or duty and then the selling price with tax or duty. Several columns enable the user to make additional references.

This is the fifteenth edition of the book which speaks for the usefulness of the publication; in so far as its purpose is concerned the publication deserves commendation. The price is R. M. 20.00.

FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT.

Representatives of the National Drug Trade Conference held meetings during the week of January 22nd, and in conference with Charles Wesley Dunn framed a new bill which corrects the defects and undesirable features of other bills in Congress. Representatives of the food and cosmetic industries have signified their approval and willingness to back the measure and it is hoped that Senators Copeland and Stephens, and Representative Loring Black will find the measure acceptable, so that there may be unison in the promotion of the new bill.

The object of the bill is stated to be for the purpose of preventing adulteration, misbranding and false advertising of food, drugs and cosmetics, in the commerce affected, for the following purposes, namely, to safeguard the public health and to protect the purchasing from injurious deception. The suggested title of the bill is given as "Federal Food Drug, and Drug and Cosmetic Act."

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK CONTEST.

We are in receipt of a *Bulletin* of the National Pharmacy Week Executive Committee, Anton Hogstad, Jr., *Chairman*, through which we are advised that O. U. Sisson, well and favorably known Chicago pharmacist, has been awarded first place in the 1933 National Pharmacy Week Window Display Contest. Honorable mention is made by the Committee of: C. Thurston Gilbert, Noroton Heights, Conn.; S. M. Leoncavallo, Wilmington, Del.; H. Dratzka, South Milwaukee, Wis.; Emerichs Pharmacy, Orlando, Fla.