

FOOD AND DRUG BILL S. 5.

This Act may be cited as the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act J. 49855-1.

The term "drug" means (1) articles recognized in the official United States Pharmacopœia, official Homœopathic Pharmacopœia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them; and (2) articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or other animals; and (3) articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals; and (4) articles intended for use as a component of any article specified in clause (1), (2) or (3); but does not include devices or their components, parts or accessories.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to prohibit the movement in interstate commerce of adulterated and misbranded food, drugs, devices and cosmetics, and for other purposes."

Passed the Senate March 8 (calendar day, March 9), 1937.

The Act is well under way and more extended comment will be made when it becomes a law. It is to prevent the adulteration, misbranding and false advertisement of food, drugs, devices and cosmetics in interstate, foreign and other commerce subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, for the purposes of safeguarding the public health, preventing deceit upon the purchasing public and for other purposes.

The secretary shall promulgate regulations for the listing of coal-tar colors which are harmless. He is directed to promulgate regulations exempting labeling or packaging requirements. Provisions are made for a drug dispensed on a written prescription signed by a physician, dentist or veterinarian.

The Kansas State Pharmaceutical Association leads the state conventions; it is scheduled for March 21st-23rd at the Jayhawk Hotel in Topeka.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI.

Dr. Frank M. Huff, a member of the Biology Department faculty of the University, addressed members of the Pharmacy Club, using a four-reel moving picture in natural color to illustrate his talk. He spoke on "Biology of Florida and Cuba." More than thirty students and faculty members including Dean and Mrs. E. L. Hammond, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson and Mrs. Frank M. Hull, were present

for the affair, which was sponsored by the local branch of A. Ph. A. President B. V. Yelverton of the Pharmacy Club served as toastmaster.

BOOK NOTICES AND REVIEWS.

Handbook of Chemistry, by NORBERT ADOLPH LANGE, Ph.D. Lecturer in Organic Chemistry at Cleveland College of Western Reserve University; Member of the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemists and the Deutsche Chemische Gesellschaft; assisted by Gordon M. Forker, B.S., Harshaw Chemical Co., Cleveland, O.

A reference volume for all requiring ready access to chemical and physical data used in laboratory work and manufacturing, with an appendix of mathematical tables and formulas by Richard Stevens Burington, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Case School of Applied Science.

This is the second edition, revised and enlarged, published by Handbook Publishers, Inc., Sandusky, Ohio. It contains 1800 pages including 250 pages of mathematical data and tables. The book is bound in fabri-coid and the price is \$6.00. The extensive index indicates the comprehensive contents of 2500 listings covering 29 pages.

Among outstanding new features are the handling of hazardous chemicals; changes in atomic weights; organic reagents for inorganic analysis; laboratory solutions and special reagents for the industries. Favorable reviews have appeared in the publications of the latter.

Gould's Pocket Pronouncing Medical Dictionary. Tenth Edition. There are 40,000 words defined and pronounced in this Dictionary. In other words it is a Medical Dictionary in condensed form published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. To a large extent it provides the needs of the pharmacists, physicians, nurses, dentists and students. The issue has been revised up-to-date and a long list of dose tables has been included. The size of the book makes it possible to carry it in the pocket. The Dictionary has a flexible cover; the price of which is \$2.00, and with the thumb index, \$2.50.

Underhill. *Toxicology*, Third Edition. The Effects of Poisons. 325 pages. Washable cloth, \$2.50. By FRANK P. UNDERHILL,

Ph.D. Revised by Theodore Koppanyi, Ph.D., Professor of Pharmacology and Materia Medica, Georgetown University Medical School.

Memoranda of Toxicology, by MAX TRUMPER, B.S., A.M., Ph.D., Consulting Clinical Chemist and Toxicologist. Member, United States Advisory Board of Hazardous Occupations for Minors. Formerly Lecturer on Toxicology, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Third Edition. Publishers, P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Inc., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$2.00.

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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CRUISE.

Reference was made in January to the New Hampshire meeting of the State Pharmaceutical Association. President Moulton stopped in Washington before returning home from the District Meeting in Philadelphia and gave an interesting account of the trip. They were welcomed by Cuban pharmacists and the papers gave much publicity to the visit—the reporters were as ready with the cameras as here. The Cuban pharmacists were named as follows as visitors: Dr. Raul Romero Y Jordan, president; Dr. Juan E. Puig, past-president; Dr. Santos Buch, past-president; Dr. Jose P. Alacan; Dr. Enrique L. Triay; Dr. Jorge A. Dominicis; Dr. Moises Perez, vice-president; Dr. Francisco Hidalgo; Dr. Ricardo Galvez; Dr. Diego Mora, Havana delegate; Dr. Miguel Fernandes Garrido, past-president; Dr. Luis Ortiz; Dr. Agustin Ortiz y Planos; Dr. Angel Vieta; Dr. Atilano Soto; Dr. Pedro Bernal; Dr. Jose F. Meinecas; Dr. Jose Macias, vice-president; Dr. Idelfonso Bernal, treasurer; Dr. Eladio Gonzalez, vice-president; Dr. Alfredo Mazzuchelli, vice-treasurer.

Further references will be made.

THE AMERICAN DRUGGISTS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Directors and Stockholders of the A. D. F. I. Company held their Annual Meeting in Cincinnati on February 14th-16th. Nearly all of the 30,000 shares of the stock of the Company were represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

James H. Beal, who among a life-time of activities in the interest of pharmacy and of the retail drug trade had also taken part in the organization of the A. D. F. I. Company thirty-two years ago, was elected the *President* of the Company. He had also served on its Executive Committee for thirty-two years and was its vice-president for many years. G. C. Young of Buckhannon, West Virginia, who has been a director and Executive Committee Member since 1907, was elected *Vice-President*. P. J. Suttlemyre, the president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, who had served on the Board of Directors for many years, and Joseph A. Hottinger of Chicago, Illinois, were respectively elected to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Avery. All the other Officers of the Company, Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors were reelected. The officers are: J. H. Beal, Cocoa, Florida, *President*; G. O. Young, Buckhannon, West Virginia, *Vice-President*; Walter Rothwell, Hatboro, Pa., *Treasurer*; E. H. Thiesing, Cincinnati, *Assistant Treasurer*; W. P. Starkey, Cincinnati, *Assistant Secretary*; Frank H. Freericks, *General Manager and Secretary*. The Executive Committee includes besides the president and secretary, Dr. William C. Anderson of New York, G. O. Young of West Virginia, Walter Rothwell of Pennsylvania, J. S. Rutledge of Akron, O., and P. J. Suttlemyre of North Carolina.

VITAMINS IN MODERN ASPECTS OF NUTRITION.

It is not so very many years since the science of nutrition was concerned solely with the caloric value and tissue-building properties of foods. Carbohydrates, proteins, fats, mineral salts and water were believed to supply all the needs of the animal and human body, and the task of dietitians was thought to be complete when they had provided these components of a diet in properly balanced proportions. Within the last two or three decades has come what appears to be the full recognition of the part played by vitamins in the prevention of ill-health, and this aspect of nutrition has proved to be a very lucrative form of appeal to the public imagination. One by one the vitamins are being isolated in pure form, and some have been synthesized.