

BOOK NOTICES.

Gould and Pyle's *Pocket Cyclopaedia of Medicine and Surgery*. Third Edition, revised, illustrated, 922 pages, many tables, flexible covers, round corners, pocket size, 6¹/₄ x 3³/₄ x 1", \$2.50, thumb index, \$3.00. Revised by R. J. E. SCOTT, M.A., B.C.L., M.D., New York. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., Inc., 1012 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

This work comprises a selection of brief accounts of important topics in a wide field of practical medicine and surgery. It gives a clear, intelligible description of the subject in untechnical language, and includes mostly topics of fundamental or current interest. It is of value to physicians as a brief reminder or synopsis of the subject at hand; to the nurse and student because of the clarity and practicability of points treated, and to the lay reader who will find in it many matters of great interest and vital importance to him.

Contents: Diagnosis, anatomical tables, wounds and injuries, drugs, and their general uses, poisons and antidotes, operations, tests, anesthesia, antiseptics, tables of arteries, muscles, nerves, etc. Bacteria classification illustrations of principal bacterial forms, listing of some important proprietary drugs and eponymic terms, blood test table, table of bones, physical measures of diagnosis, table of duration of pregnancy, international list of death causes, foods percentage lists, dietetic recipes, table of communicable diseases, first aid in drowning, electrical injuries, fractures, weights and measures, dose-lists, vitamins and their distribution, urinary sediments, tables of tumors, Balneo gymnastic methods, reflexes, medico-legal definitions, prescription writing, illustrations.

Qualitative Analysis by Spot Tests, by FRITZ FEIGL, Ph.D. Translated by Janet W. Matthews, Ph.D. Published by Nordemann Publishing Co., Inc., 215 Fourth Ave., New York City. Price, \$7.00.

From the Author's Preface:

"My book *Qualitative Analyse mit Hilfe von Tüpfelreaktionen* which went into the second edition in 1935, comprises the results of seventeen years' work on specific reactions and spot tests. Owing to the extremely friendly reception which this book has received and to the continually increasing use of spot methods as a simple means of carrying out micro-ana-

lytical tests, it seemed desirable to render the contents of the book accessible to wider circles by means of an English translation."

Spot methods have become so popular during the past eight years since Professor Feigl's book was first published that there is no need to point out the rapidity, neatness and elegance of the tests which were once designated by Professor Emich as "the qualitative analysis of the future," but are now definitely of the present and are being widely incorporated, especially as identification tests, in the teaching and practice of qualitative analysis.

The tests are so simple to carry out that they are proving exceedingly useful to pharmacists, medical men, biologists and geologists who have had little training in chemistry but to whom the knowledge of the composition of their material is of vital importance.

Text Book of Pharmaceutical Arithmetic, by THEODORE J. BRADLEY, Phm.D., A.M., B.S. Late Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Chemistry in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, Massachusetts. Revised by Will T. Bradley, A.M., A.B., and Carroll B. Gustafson, Ph.C., B.S., instructors in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, Massachusetts. Published by Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia. Price, \$2.25.

It is assumed that those who use the book have a knowledge of elementary arithmetic. Since ratio and proportion are so useful in pharmaceutical and chemical arithmetic, the book begins with a consideration of these topics. The theory of arithmetic does not concern the pharmacist, and theoretical discussion is almost entirely omitted. The subject is developed by example and practice, a procedure which has proved useful alike to the student and the practicing pharmacist. The scope of this work was originally determined by the outlines of pharmaceutical arithmetic in *The Pharmaceutical Syllabus* and the *Basic Material for a Pharmaceutical Curriculum*, commonly referred to as "The Charters Report." Problems in general chemistry have been included but not those in other branches of chemistry. An adequate index enables one to turn quickly to an example covering any particular problem in arithmetic which may present itself. As a reference work this book will be found as valuable to the pharmacist as it is effective as a textbook.