

cause it would increase the size of the volume beyond their desire, and because it constitutes a separate subject of sufficient importance to be treated independently.

A list of the U. S. P. and N. F. drugs, with brief definitions, would be of value in this reference book. It is questioned whether such abbreviations as g/m, m/m and m/g, as signifying, respectively, grammes per 100 mils of preparation, mils per 100 mils of preparation and mils per 100 grammes of preparation, should have been introduced. An abbreviation should not confuse, and in these instances the indication is not for 100 but for 1, also, these abbreviations are not so very different from abbreviations otherwise applied. The book is intended for students who are to be taught exactness. In the main, however, the authors have accomplished their purpose, and the book is useful for students and is convenient for reference. The definitions, though concise, are clear and instructive, and as a successor to the former Compend, the revision presents a marked improvement. The book is well bound and the typography and paper are good.

Squibb's Atlas of Official Drugs, including all the drugs official in the last revision of the U. S. Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary, with photographic cuts of each drug from original material, comprising 300 illustrations, average size $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ inches. The title of each drug, abbreviation, English name, synonyms, botanical origin, part or parts used, permissible limits of impurities, assay, habitat, description and official preparations (if any) are given. Prepared by William Mansfield, A.M., Phar.D., dean and professor of Pharmacognosy and Botany, Albany College of Pharmacy. Published by E. R. Squibb & Sons, New York; 700 pages. Price, \$2.00.

In the publication of this Atlas of Official Drugs a valuable service has been rendered and it will be welcomed by all who deal in, handle or study drugs. The engravings were made from photographs taken of selected market specimens, thus serving the purpose of a pictorial description of the drugs under consideration. The work involved in preparing these illustrations will be appreciated; they are all good, but in a series of photographs like these some, quite naturally, depict the subject better than others—some might have been improved if they had been

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The publishers are to be commended for fixing a price for the Atlas which will insure a well-deserved large sale and use of the book.

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