

"Clinical tests" occupies 20 pages and deals with urine, faeces, gastric contents, blood, sputum, stains, culture media, biologic methods and Wassermann reaction.

The compilers, as well as the Hygienic Laboratory, are to be complimented on the series of "Digests" which throw so much light on pharmaceutical problems. These publications have become indispensable to teacher and scientist, to analytical and manufacturing chemist, and to wholesale and quite especially to retail pharmacists.

We would therefore advise the members of the A. Ph. A. to procure a copy of Bulletin No. 84 and not only give same a place in their library, but to make frequent use of the book, which is a true digest of comments on pharmaceutical problems during 1910.

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#### VACATION TIME.

More than almost any other class of business men the druggist seems to think that he cannot get away to take a vacation. There is no exception to the rule that all men need a vacation every year and that all will do more and better work fifty weeks in a year than fifty-two. In all probability the average man would do more work if he worked but eleven months a year than he does working twelve. The vacation that is omitted this year may not bring its corresponding reduction in working value at once. It may not result in any diminution of capacity this year, or even next. But it is certain that any engine, human or mechanical, that is run year in and year out without stopping for repairs, will not last anywhere near as long or do anything like the total amount of work that it would do if properly cared for. We believe that there are among our readers not more than a negligible number who would not be better off the first of next January if they were to take two weeks or a month now to recuperate. A man does not waste time when he spends it in a vacation. Beside the value of the change itself, he comes in contact with new forces, with new people and he gets new ideas and new impressions. He goes away with a feeling that his business is a hard uphill fight. He comes back filled with new plans and methods and with the energy to carry them out.—*American Druggist*.