

Especially valuable are the Special Remarks immediately following the consideration of a class of official preparations. They supply the kind of information that the student of pharmacy should have. The whys and wherefores, the avoidance of the difficulties that are liable to be encountered in the making of preparations are given so lucidly in Prof. Caspari's surpassing style, that it makes the work stand in a place by itself.

Formulae themselves are not given verbatim, but are concisely outlined; constituents are named, sometimes quantities are given, and usually the process of manufacture; but never in such a way as would permit the use of the book in lieu of the U. S. P. or N. F.

As in previous editions no consideration is given to the many official vegetable drugs, except as these are mentioned as sources of alkaloids, glucosides, neutral principles, etc. Many of the drugs of animal origin are likewise overlooked.

Unfortunately, owing to the apparent haste in which the volume has been revised and

published, a few errors have crept in regarding new things and changes. These will likely be corrected in subsequent editions. Mention of a few of these will serve to illustrate this point. For instance, *Acidum Phenylcinchoninicum*, the official title of the substance sold for so long under its copyrighted title "Atophan," is referred to as Phenylcinchonic acid. Possibly these titles are in this instance considered as synonymous, but if the pharmacopoeial title is correct then the use of the latter title is misleading. The fact that *Liquor Cresolis Compositus* is now made by a slightly modified formula is properly noted in the body of the work; but under the discussion of Cresol, where mention of the same preparation is made, the change is apparently overlooked, as the U. S. P. VIII process is given in abstract.

Aside from the few criticisms offered the work ranks high in comparison with others on the same subject and is full of valuable information for students in pharmacy.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS, AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, ON OFFICERS-ELECT.

While the December JOURNAL was still on the press we received the following report:

"The Board of Canvassers of the American Pharmaceutical Association met Monday evening, December 11, and counted the ballots cast in the annual election. The following having received a plurality of the votes cast are elected: President, Charles Holzhauer, Newark, N. J.; First Vice-president, Alfred R. L. Rohme, Baltimore, Md.; Second Vice-president, Leonard A. Seltzer, Detroit, Mich.; Third Vice-president, Theodore J. Bradley, Boston, Mass.; Members of the Council, Frederick J. Wulling, Minneapolis, Minn.; George M. Beringer, Camden, N. J.; Thomas F. Maine, New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

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