

*Pathologische Biologie (Immunitätswissenschaft)*. Von Prof. Dr. Hans Much in Hamburg. 5. Auflage mit 8 Tafeln und 7 Abbildungen. Lex. 415 pp. \$3.00.

Since the publication of the first edition in 1910 the science of immunity or pathologic biology has made such rapid progress that five editions have been necessitated. Among the 13 chapters into which the work is divided, I want to mention the following headings: I. Biology. III. Immunity and Virulence. VI. Toxins, comprising Diphtheria, Tetanus, Botulism, Dysentery, Gasbacilli and Snake Venoms. IX. Biologic Medication. X. Idiosyncrasy. XI. Biologic Diagnosis. XII. Colloidal Chemistry and Reactions.

Among the eight excellent full-page plates in colors, real works of art, the following are of special interest: V. Quantitative Wassermann Reaction from Negative to 5 Positive. VII. Tubercular Reaction. VII. Conjunctival Reaction.

A 10-page, double column index concludes this book, which can rightly be considered an authority on this subject.

*Laienärzte und Schulmedizin*. Von Dr. Curt Wachtel in Dresden. Mit 11 Abbildungen im Text. Lex. 130 pp. 85 cents.

The book before us treats "Lay Physicians and School Medicine," or "Irregular and Regular Physicians." The chapter on History of Medicine in a condensed form occupies six pages and also refers to Schelenz "Geschichte der Pharmazie." Besides the Diagnostic Methods, Nature's Methods, an entire chapter is devoted to Drug Therapy subdivided into Homeopathy, Isopathy, Biochemical Treatment, Rademacher, Baunscheidtism and Electro-homoeopathy.

Of special interest to the historian are the many data on the history of medicine and pharmacy contained in the book.

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*Illustrations of Medicinal Plants*. The Inter-Ministerial Committee for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants has issued another set of color plates of medicinal plants indigenous to France. These, the fourth of the series, include belladonna, bilberry, buckthorn, yellow gentian, hawthorn, juniper, mullein and peppermint. The plates, like those of the preceding series, are excellent productions, they also have brief descriptions of the illustrated plants, information relative to their occurrence, collection, therapeutic properties, etc.

*Year Book of New York Retail Druggists'*

*Association*. The annual volume issued by the Publication Committee of N. Y. R. D. A. contains a number of interesting articles by Dr. Jacob Diner, T. Bruce Furnival, M. A. Feinberg, Peter Diamond, J. Leon Lascoff, S. Kopald and others of prominence in New York pharmacy. A tribute from U. S. Senator Royal S. Copeland and a greeting from Ex-Governor Smith are included. Pincus Herz is the Chairman of the Publication Committee and the editorial work has been done by M. A. Feinberg with the assistance of Barnett Miller, W. H. Moran, and others. The volume reflects credit.

*The Official Year Book and Guide*, of the Italian Pharmaceutical Association of New York, has been issued by the Press Committee of the Association; the Chairman is B. Gagliano and associated with him are Domenico Crachi, Arthur Colkin, and U. J. Nicolich. Contributions from a number of men prominent in pharmacy throughout the country are included.

#### PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF CANNABIS INDICA IN MEXICO.

The Mexican Pharmaceutical Society has drawn the attention of the Health Department of Mexico to a situation which obtains because of the prohibition of the use of Indian Hemp. Some of the medical profession continue to prescribe and the Society asked that the Department advise the doctors that the use of Indian Hemp is prohibited. In its reply the Department pointed out that in the *Materia Medica* there are a number of substitutes possessing an action similar to *Cannabis Indica*, and asked the pharmacists to advise the doctors of substitutes that could be used and acquaint them with the benefits accruing by suppressing the therapeutic use of the prohibited drug, and that the physicians will, doubtless, be glad to cooperate with the authorities for the welfare of the nation. The pharmacists contend that it is not in their province to recommend substitutes and such action on their part would be resented by most physicians.

The Committee of the Biologic Products of the N. A. R. D. and A. Ph. A. arranged a lecture, February 18th, at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy. Dr. Geo. F. Leonard was the lecturer. Dr. Geo. E. Diekman gave his permission for the Biologic Committee to arrange a lecture on March 20th at New York College of Pharmacy, at which time Dr. C. W. Brown was the speaker.