

Section V, *Manufacture of Soap from Free Fatty Acids*, includes chapters on soap making by direct neutralization of fatty acids with alkalis, oleic acid soaps.

Section VI, *Boiling Process for the Manufacture of Soaps*, includes chapters on the theories of the manufacture of soap by the ordinary process of boiling fats with alkalis and salting out; layout of a soap factory; arrangement preceding the saponification of the oil; process of boiling together the fat and alkali for grained soaps, soap pumps; cooling the soap by framing, rapid cooling, cutting; treatment of scrap soap; drying, stamping and wrapping.

Section VII, *Household and Laundry Soaps*, includes chapters on varieties of household and laundry soaps, rosined soaps, filled mottled soaps, manufacture of unfilled mottled, olive oil, coconut, palm kernel, marine or salt-water soaps, household and laundry soaps by cold process, treatment of nigras, and the manufacture of soaps from waste grease, animal refuse, etc.

Gottesegen in der Pflanzenwelt. Eine Sammlung alterproben Heilpflanzen. Von Joh. Alf. Ulsamer. Duodecimo, 320 pp. H. Schaffstein, Köln.

This popular book has now reached a printing of 203 thousand copies. Was it not Hippocrates, the father of medicine, who ordered his students to go out among the common people and collect advice and ideas how to help the sick? Drugs derived from the vegetable kingdom were, no doubt, the oldest medicines employed. After centuries and centuries they still hold their own; in fact, their use is on the increase.

The book is written in nice style, intermingled with history and stories whereby the dry subject is made very interesting. The illustrations are excellent and the colored plates are works of art. A subject index and a therapeutic index make the book still more perfect. We can highly recommend it.

Jahresbericht der Pharmazie herausgegeben vom Deutschen Apotheker Verein. Bearbeitet von Dr. Heinrich Beckurts, Gh. Medizinalrat und Professor an der Technischen Hochschule

in Braunschweig unter Mitwirkung von Apotheker F. Dietze. 56 Jahrgang 1921. Octavo, 449 pp. \$4.75. Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, Göttingen, 1923.

The last volume, *i. e.*, 55 for 1920 was reviewed by the referee in the *JOURNAL*, September 1922, p. 768. The same comments and especially the praise apply to volume 56, just published. The editor, Prof. Dr. Beckurts, and his collaborator, Apotheker Dietze, deserve the thanks of the entire pharmaceutical profession for the continuation of this excellent Yearbook which in these trying times in the "Fatherland" came very near to its grave. Let us hope that the mother of all the Yearbooks of Pharmacy will continue to live! Any financial aid from the United States will be duly appreciated. The publishers announce that the "Progress on Food Analysis" which is incorporated in the work before us will again appear as a separate volume beginning with the 1922 report.

The abstracts are classified as follows: Pharmacognosy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Galenicals, Medical Chemistry, Foods and Toxicology. Pharmaceutical, chemical and medical journals from all parts of the world have been abstracted including the *JOURNAL*, *A. PH. A.* Among the many excellent features of the *Jahresbericht* is a list of books published during the year which in this volume occupies 7 pages and also includes our *A. PH. A. YEAR BOOK*, surely a proof of the proverbial German thoroughness. The author's index comprises over 8 pages of the three columns each, and includes such well-known American investigators as: Chas. Baskerville, G. M. Beringer, E. F. Cook, A. R. L. Dohme, W. O. Emery, G. E. Éwe, R. A. Hatcher, H. Kraemer, B. Kremers, Chas. H. LaWall, J. U. Lloyd, F. X. Moerk, E. L. Newcomb, F. v. Oefele, P. Pittenger, F. B. Power, H. H. Schaefer, D. D. van Slyke, J. P. Snyder, T. Sollman, A. Viehoever, C. Voegtlin, C. C. Wood, H. W. Youngken and others.

The *Jahresbericht der Pharmazie* is a library by itself. The book or, still better, a complete set of the books, should be included in every pharmaceutical library which wishes to be complete. OTTO RAUBENHEIMER, PH.M.