

FROM OUR BOOK-SHELF

DERMATOLOGIE UND VENEREOLOGIE in 5 Volumes: By Prof. Dr. h. c. H. A. Gottron, Tubingen and Prof. Dr. h.c. W. Scheinfeld, Heidelberg. Volume I part I Dermatology: Anatomy of Skin, Physiology and Pathology of the Skin. Written by 12 authors in German language. 1961: Pp. 774 (335 partly coloured illustrations; Published by Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart, Herdweg 63, Germany; Linen binding Price DM 187. So far volumes II — IV have been published Volume I part 2 and Volume V are under preparation.

The previous volumes that have been published, have also been already reviewed in this journal. Although the present volume is of scientific and theoretical nature it is not less interesting to read. One is astonished to see what great progress every branch of medicine has made and how it is often interlinked with general medicine. There are fourteen chapters written by twelve authors. For having a general idea of the contents of this volume the subjects of the chapters are here given. 1. History of dermatology, venereology, cosmetics and andrology. 2. Anatomy of the skin. 3. Nervous system of the skin. 4. General Physiology of the skin, 5. Functional examinations of the skin, 6. Percutaneous resorption, 7. General Pathology of the skin, 8. Histological technique in Dermatology. 9. Histo-chemistry of the skin, 10. Electrophoresis. 11. Skin temperature and skin-thermometry. 12. Physical functional examinations of the skin-blood circulation. 13. Allergy of the skin. 14. Recent genological diagnosis of skin diseases.

For the general practitioner, the chapters on History, percutaneous resorption, skin-thermometry and allergy will be found very useful and interesting.

The illustrations, though in black and white, are very clear and instructive. At the end of every chapter there are a good many references in the literature in many languages. Every Dermatologist knowing German should be in possession of these very valuable volumes.—S.V.D.

THE YEAR BOOK OF DERMATOLOGY (1960-61 Year Book Series): Edited by Rudolf L. Baer, M.D., and Victor H. Wilten, M.D., Published by: The Year Book Publishers Incorporated, 200 East Illinois St., Chicago 11, U.S.A.; Pp. 478; Price: \$9.00.

This handy book is always welcome as an addition to the shelf for ready reference to the latest research and investigative studies.

The leading chapter this year deals with drug eruptions, the incidence of which is on the increase. This helps the reader to be more on the alert for the possibility of drugs, being caustic factor for various eruptions.

The other chapters deal with local and systemic drug therapy, eczematous dermatitis vesicular and bullous eruptions, lupus erythematosus, diseases of hair, fungus infections etc. —M.W.D.

INTRAARTERIAL INFUSION OF PROCAINE IN THERAPEUTIC PRACTICE: By N. K. Gorbadi; Published by: Consultants Bureau Enterprises, Inc., 227 West 17th St., New York 11, N. Y., U.S.A; Translated from Russian; 1960; Pp. 136; Price: \$7.50.

The book contains a new and novel approach to the treatment of Peptic Ulcer, Hypertension and Bronchial asthma by intraarterial procaine injections. The theories of the action of procaine in these disorders are not convincing and appear to be only assumptions, nor proved by experimental methods.

The number of cases of peptic ulcer treated by this method is adequate. The diagrammatic representations of the results is excellent and gives a good idea at a glance. The x-ray plates are not very clear especially as they are positive prints. X-ray plates in art paper would have been welcome. However the absence of control series for the trial considerably reduces the value of the paper. An adequate control of the present series would have made this paper an excellent one. The study of the effect of procaine on cardio-vascular system is a thorough one.

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—P. G. Kamath.

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