

## BOOK REVIEWS

THE PHARMACOLOGIC BASIS OF MEDICAL PRACTICE BY JOHN C. KRANTZ JR.  
AND C. JELEFF CARR, FOURTH EDITION, 1958, Pp. 1313. BALTIMORE. THE  
WILLIAMS AND WILKINS COMPANY., PRICE RS. 55.00.

The Pharmacologic principles of Medical Practice by Krantz and Carr was first published in 1949 and from its very first appearance, established itself as a hot favourite. During less than 10 years four editions have appeared and this in itself is a great tribute to the popularity of the book.

Several important changes have been made in this new edition. Three new chapters have been added; namely, "Pharmacologic Agents in Allergic Diseases", "Use of Drugs in Treatment of Mental Illness", and "The Local Use of Drugs in the Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat". Chapters on the *antibiotics, hypertension, arthritides, diabetes* and many others, have been greatly expanded. The book in its present form is brought completely up-to-date and 140 new drugs not mentioned in the third edition, have been described. Many new charts and figures have been added. To conserve space, many drugs not in general use, have been deleted.

The value of the book is enhanced by the fact that sections of its text have been subjected to criticism and review by persons who are specialists in their own fields. Among these well known reviewers can be listed people as eminent as U. S. von. Euler, Henry K. Beecher, Armand J. Quick and Nathan B. Eddv.

The new "Krantz and Carr" will be read with pleasure and with profit by students of Pharmacology and Medicine and by practioners of the healing art in every land where English is read.

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ANALYTICAL MICROSCOPY BY T. E. WALLIS, SECOND EDITION, 1957, LONDON:  
J. AND A. CHURCHILL, LTD., PRICE 25s.

This is the second edition of a book originally written more than twenty years ago. During this period so much new information has accumulated and so many newer techniques introduced that the present revision is almost a new book.

The book provides an excellent guide for preparing materials for microscopical examination and illustrates them by examples from author's personal experience during a life time of analytical microscopical work. The materials reported upon are those which cannot be satisfactorily identified by purely chemical methods. In order to adequately explain the newer matter in the book a large number of new illustrations have been added which greatly enhance the value of the book.

The book will be found a useful guide by junior technicians in analytical laboratories.

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