

**A TREATISE ON PHARMACY.** By CHARLES CASPARI, JR., Ph.G., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Pharmacy in the Maryland College of Pharmacy. Second Edition. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York.

FORMER works in pharmacy have consisted of descriptions of pharmaceutical processes and a résumé of the official preparations in groups according to the classes to which they belong. Professor Caspary treats these sections in a concise and practical manner, but in addition endeavors to give helpful suggestions about every step in the various processes of manufacture. Should an unlooked for color or precipitate appear in a galenical, here will be found the explanation, and, if there be such, the remedy. The author does not recognize the pharmaceutical percentage solution in which solids are weighed and liquids measured, although the Pharmacopœia adopts this idea as being the only practical basis for bedside measurements. In this useful book we should like to see a chapter on "incompatibles" and full treatment of the most used unofficial preparations. The illustrations are numerous and add much to the value of the work.

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