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ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PLANT PROTECTION. By *Howard B. Morris*. Amherst, Virginia. (Mimeographed) 1946. \$0.00.

Without verbosity, the author has prepared a well written treatise on industrial protection with special emphasis on the post-war aspects of the problem. The book is particularly useful as a suggestive guide for organizing and conducting effective protection activities in present-day industrial establishments.

The author has made full use of his wide experience in the field through an expression of definite opinions on a number of rather controversial subjects. This empirical approach somewhat lessens the overall effectiveness of the text and keeps the reader in a defensive state of mind.

The author recognizes and clearly states the basic principles upon which successful plant protection must be founded. Around these principles and his plan for their more general recognition and acceptance, he skillfully weaves the subject matter of the entire book. In discussing these basic principles the author points out the practical necessity of changing many past concepts of plant protection and utilizing modern techniques. He stresses the role of protection in production and reiterates the importance of adapting the protective system to local needs and conditions.

The first section of the book deals with the mechanics of protection and includes a wide variety of items ranging from the methods to be used in determining the form of protection needed in a particular plant, to the proper uses of protective lighting, fencing and records. Other sections cover the important subject of plant employee control and qualifications for protection personnel. The relative merits of various types of training programs and training subjects are briefly discussed. Disaster and emergency planning is emphasized with suggested procedures for operation. The concluding section of the book deals with the subject of firearms and other equipment needed for effective plant protection.

It is unfortunate that such a book was not available during the war years. However, as stated by the author: "Theft, fire, accidents, sabotage and the like retard or nullify the primary purpose of any industrial plant . . . production. Hence, effective plant protection is rightly one of the first concerns of prudent plant management."

This reviewer feels that "Elements of Successful Plant Protection" should serve to impress the owners and managers of our industrial facilities with the need for modern and effective protection. It should also serve as a useful guide for protection officials in organizing and operating more efficient industrial protection units.

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WALTHER PISTOLS. By *W. H. B. Smith*. The Military Service Publishing Company, Harrisburg, Pa., 1947. Pp. 94. \$2.00.

This is a book which will be of great interest to gun lovers and all who have occasion to identify guns. It gives information on the entire line of seventeen Walther pistols, and the descriptive matter is illustrated with 60 excellent photographs and drawings. Details of construction, operation, and disassembling are given. Very wisely the author has stressed the dangers involved in handling and using certain guns made during the war period and has also pointed out the danger of using certain ammunition in these guns. It is to be expected that there will be many accidents arising from the use of improper ammunition in souvenir guns brought back by men in the armed forces. This observation applies to all other foreign makes of guns, as well.

This book is the first in a series of books, identical in form and price, dealing with the more important weapons of foreign manufacture, to include the following: Mauser Rifles and Pistols, Luger Pistols, Sauer Pistols, Italian Weapons, and Japanese Weapons. It is to be hoped that these companion volumes will soon appear as they will be invaluable to those of us who are interested in forensic ballistics.

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THIS IS PHOTOGRAPHY. By *Thomas H. Miller* and *Wyatt Brummett*. Garden City Publishing Company, Garden City, N. Y., 1945. Pp. 260. \$2.00.

In the preface the authors inform the reader the book is not a primer for the beginning amateur photographer, nor is it a technical encyclopedia. The reader must assume that the authors wrote the book for the more advanced amateur and the photographer contemplating a professional career. Should the reader reach this erroneous conclusion, he will soon realize that this book will remind him of the Eastman Photographic Primer *How to Make Good Pictures*, which has enjoyed a great sale and wide distribution.

This is Photography abounds with photographs and references to Eastman products. No doubt the authors, who are employees of Eastman Company, are more familiar with the products of that company. Surely other companies have good equipment; but rarely are the products of a competitor mentioned. Although this critic is a constant user of Eastman cameras and supplies, he feels that a book on photography should not be treated as company advertising but should for the benefit of the reader impartially treat of the products of the various manufacturers. This is a criticism of the authors and not of the value of the book as the basic facts are true, irrespective of the products described.

Mr. Miller, Supervisor of Employee Photographic Training, no doubt added a touch to the book by following each chapter with one or more experiments for the reader to perform if he so desires. These experiments, possibly performed by many who pass the rank amateur stage, are very interesting and should be undertaken by beginners or oldsters who feel the need of review in some phases of photography. The learn-by-doing plan of instruction is by far the most effective

method yet found, and the many interesting experiments outlined in the book are to this critic its most attractive and instructive feature.

The authors have a very pleasant and coherent style of writing. The book contains the usual chapters on cameras, lenses, films, photographic papers, printing by contact and enlarging, sensitometry, a clear, concise, and well-illustrated chapter on filters, color photography, et cetera. One of the final chapters is devoted to the tricks of trade and very briefly outlines the methods of spotting and retouching paper negative, multiple exposures, toning, making line drawings by tracing prints, and intensification and reduction. Another of the chapters deals with special purpose photography and includes copying photography by polarized lighting, still life, and table topography.

Other than learning the fundamentals of photography, there is little in the book that would be of value to the Police Officer or the Laboratory Technician. If one knows little or nothing of photography, the book, because of its readability and excellent outline of experiments, is highly recommended to the person who wants to learn about this fascinating science.

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BREVE FORMULARIO MEDICO DE DROGAS ESENCIALES DE USO FRECUENTE.

By *Dr. Michel Pijoan* and *Dr. Clark H. Yeager*. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois, 1945. \$3.75 (Text in Spanish.)

This book lists the drugs most frequently used in the Western Hemisphere both in tropical and temperate zones with special reference to their physiological action. The book does not include those which are rare, nor does it cover specialties such as anesthesia. Because of its size it can be carried in the pocket for immediate use. In reality it is a drug formulary, alphabetically arranged, with a dose under the metric and apothecary systems, pharmacological action, methods of use, toxic symptoms, etc. There is one chapter on therapeutic measures for tropical diseases on this hemisphere. The reader's attention is specially called to the chapter on Malaria, Blackwater Fever, Dengue, Amebiasis, etc. There is also a very interesting discussion on the chemotherapy of Syphilis with various arsenicals used in its treatment and a section devoted to miscellaneous preparations with a number of prescriptions for ointments for the various diseases of man.

This reviewer does not quite understand to whom this book is especially issued. It is too brief for physicians; it perhaps is to be used in places where no well-informed physician is at hand to take care of emergencies.

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