BOOK REVIEWS

PRESSURIZED PACKAGING (AEROSOLS), by A. Herzka and J. Pickthall. Butterworths Scientific Publications, London, Academic Press, Inc., New York 3, N. Y. 1958. 411 pages, size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ inches, illustrated and indexed. Price $12.00.

It is fortunate that two British authors, A. Herzka, of the Research Department of the Metal Box Company, and J. Pickthall, Chief Chemist of Polak & Schwartz, took time to set down in print the aerosol story in their book, "Pressurized Packaging." Although much of the research and development on containers, valves, propellents, and aerosol products has taken place in this country and much has been published in trade journals, scientific journals, and commercial publications, nothing has appeared in book form. We, therefore, owe these two authors a debt of gratitude for compiling and editing this work for our use.

For the uninitiated in this field, this book offers a quick education in such aerosol subjects as propellents, containers, valves, and manufacturing techniques. For those that are engaged in the aerosol industry, it offers a compilation of much of the technical data that has appeared in magazine and trade literature in the United States. The chapters on formulation cover a complete range of aerosol products from cosmetics to pharmaceuticals. A chapter on general formulation covers a multitude of diverse products, such as snow, rug shampoo, shoe polish, lens cleaner, etc. Of special current interest is the Appendix V, which contains a world list of valve, propellent, container and equipment suppliers, as well as contract fillers of aerosol products.

Perhaps the only criticism of the work is the tendency to paraphrase large portions of published material without indicating that they are direct quotations from the references quoted. This book will be a useful addition to the libraries of all people concerned in any way with aerosol products.—MORRIS J. ROOT, G. Barr and Co.

THE CHEMICAL FORMULARY, Volume X, H. Bennett, Editor-in-Chief. Chemical Publishing Co., Inc., New York 10, N. Y. 1957. 392 pages, size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ inches, indexed. Price $8.00.

The present volume follows the pattern of previous ones. It is a collection of formulas and other data, patented and otherwise, from many fields in industry, starting with adhesives and going through waxes. Cosmetics get about a 40-page treatment.

An index to suppliers of materials mentioned in the book are found in the appendix.—M. G. DENAVARRE.

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