

ABRÉGÉ DE COSMETOLOGIE PRACTIQUE, by Paul Larrieu, Editions Opera, Paris 9, France. 72 pages, size $10\frac{3}{4} \times 7$ inches. 1955.

This book is very general and elementary in character. It is carelessly put together. Two of three U. S. references are misspelled. The author apparently is not aware of cosmetic literature outside of the French, if one can use his reference material as a guide to his acquaintance. This is a poor addition to the cosmetic literature of the world.—M. G. DENAVARRE.

BASIC FACTS OF GENERAL CHEMISTRY, by S. M. Brooks. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, Pa. 1956. 354 pages, size $5\frac{3}{4} \times 8$ inches, illustrated and indexed. Price \$4.75.

This book is not what it would seem to be from its title. It is an amazing condensation of inorganic, organic, colloidal and nuclear chemistry with a section on biochemistry. It is intended for short courses in chemistry as in nutrition or nursing. It is written in simple, digestible form.

Everyone should have a book like this. It is a good reference which anyone can understand.—M. G. DENAVARRE.

THE CHEMISTRY OF TANNING PROCESSES, by K. H. Gustavson. Academic Press, Inc., New York 10, N. Y. 1956. 403 pages, size 6×9 inches, illustrated and indexed. Price \$9.00.

The author evaluates known published material utilizing his own

knowledge of the complex subject.

To this reviewer's mind, the two pages devoted to alum tanning are far too few. The subject deserves more consideration. Chrome, aldehyde and vegetable tannage seem to be well covered. Zirconium tanning is mentioned only in the introduction.

In his introduction the author mentions that chrome and vegetable tanning are the most important industrially. Accordingly, he stresses these subjects in the text to the detriment of the other tanning methods. The sections on ololation (and oxolation) could be enlarged. It is a vast subject.—M. G. DENAVARRE.

THE CHEMISTRY AND REACTIVITY OF COLLAGEN, by K. H. Gustavson. Academic Press, Inc., New York 10, N. Y. 1956. 342 pages, size 6×9 inches, illustrated and indexed. Price \$8.00.

This is a companion volume to "The Chemistry of Tanning Processes."

The general properties, physical and chemical, of collagen are stressed. Only an outline of tanning is given because the author covers this more completely in the companion volume mentioned above.

Practically every known chemical reagent is discussed from the point of view of its reactivity (and effect) with collagen. Unhairing is covered lightly for the subject matter deals with collagen.

All in all, the book seems thorough. No errors were noted.—M. G. DENAVARRE.