BOOK REVIEWS

THE CHEMICAL FORMULARY


This volume adds 2,500 new formulas to those already printed in volumes I–VI, inclusive. An increasing (and justified) attempt of simplification for the benefit of nontechnical users is apparent. Unfortunately, the very useful introductory chapter of 16 pages has been reprinted practically unchanged from volume VI. The reviewer hoped that in volume VII this most educational approach would be extended for those who own the previous collections. The list of "Sellers of chemicals and supplies" loses much of its value on account of its exclusiveness: One source of supply is named only for every commodity, a hardly justifiable practice. Several names are mentioned in one instance for laboratory equipment, but even here the names of Arthur H. Thomas Co. and the Will Corporation are missing.

The editor puts increased emphasis on farm and garden specialties and food products, the number of pages devoted to these topics having been doubled. This makes the volume of increased usefulness for those engaged in agricultural research. The list of substitutes has been omitted.

The Chemical Formulary is by now an institution and an important help to technical schools, to the small manufacturer, to the agriculturist, and to the laboratory worker. A very thorough index greatly increases the usefulness of the volume.—Z. I. Kertész.