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Practical Physiological Chemistry. Philip B. Hawk, Bernard L. Oser, and William H. Summerson. Blakiston (McGraw-Hill), New York, ed. 13, 1954. xvi + 1439 pp. Illus. \$12.

The appearance of the 13th edition of *Practical Physiological Chemistry* by Hawk, Oser, and Summerson is a landmark in physiological chemistry, since this marks the 50th anniversary of a book which has been of inestimable value to laboratory workers in biochemistry and allied fields. The impressive list of collaborators includes workers of prominence in many fields of biochemistry.

In general, the organization of material has remained the same as in earlier editions, but the book has been completely reset in a more readable form. This is especially true of experimental procedures. The use of chapter numbers on each page will be of great assistance as there are numerous references to previous chapters. Although several chapters were rewritten, most were not, but rather the sections were expanded by discussions of new developments introduced at appropriate places. This method of revision has limitations, but in general has proved more satisfactory than might be expected.

Inclusion of new developments and concepts has increased the size by 116 pages. Little of the material from previous editions has been deleted and many of the classical experiments that were carried on into this edition are of greater historical than practical interest. One might question the necessity for including the procedural details for all these tests. This new edition contains many experiments covering modern developments in biochemistry, such as paper and column chromatography, microbiological methods, use of radioisotopes, and countercurrent distribution. Two new additions of interest to clinical laboratories are the sections on liver-function tests and micromethods in clinical chemistry. It is regrettable that greater recognition was not given to the microgasometric technics developed by Scholander and coworkers.

Although nearly half of the 13th edition is devoted to textual material, it is probable that this book will continue to find its greatest use as a laboratory manual and reference for experimental biochemistry.

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