the confusion about the paternity of vital statistics: On page 179, a passage reads: "John Graunt (1620–74), the founder of vital statistics . . ."; on page 181, "The science of vital statistics was founded by . . . Quetelot (1796–1874)"; and on page 717, "The founder of vital statistics, William Farr (1807–83) . . . ." Even the useful 34-page list of references is much too long and much too unselective.

This is still a good one-volume history of medicine, which retains some of the scholarly flavor of Singer. It could recapture more of that flavor, if the next edition were pruned to "as small a space as may be," and Philosophy recognized once again, despite timid readers and timid revisionists.

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Handbook of Analytical Chemistry. Louis Meites, Ed. McGraw-Hill, New York, 1963. Unpaged. Illus. $47.50.

This book, which weighs between 3 and 4 pounds and runs close to 1800 pages in length, is not a handbook in the sense that it is a book to be held in the hand. "Tabulated analytical chemistry" would be a more descriptive title, since the book covers, in a tabular form, practically all aspects of theoretical and practical analytical chemistry. Many of the tables are accompanied by expository material of a general nature, which is very helpful in making use of the data. With a few exceptions the tables include literature references, and most are quite up to date. The material has been compiled by the competent editor with the aid of 130 chemists, the great majority of whom are recognized experts in the field to which they have contributed.

The book is divided into 15 sections. Section 1 presents, in 23 tables, fundamental data. Among these, the tables of all types of equilibrium constants are particularly valuable. Many more tables of fundamental data are found in other sections. In general, the data have been critically selected, and several have been taken from recent compilations published by the Analytical Chemistry Section of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Section 2, "Qualitative Analysis," presents 20 tables dealing with schemes of inorganic qualitative analysis (*embarras de choix*), a few tables of selected tests and techniques, and some 16 tables covering organic qualitative analysis. Section 3 deals with the essentials of gravimetric and visual titrimetric analysis; the important and relatively modern subject of "chelometric" titrations (a notation not universally adopted) is dealt with in some 130 pages. Again, some of the tables are too exhaustive and not selective. For example, table 35 contains a list of 55 methods for direct visual titration of calcium with EDTA, but the list is not very helpful to the analyst who is looking for guidance in selecting a method. Section 4, which deals with gas analysis, is followed by extensive sections (5 through 8) on electrometric, optical, nuclear and magnetic, and thermoanalytical techniques. Separated from these is section 10, on techniques of separation, which is preceded by section 9, on biological and chemical methods. It would seem more logical to have the section on techniques of separation follow the other sections on techniques and to place the present section 11, on measurement of *p*H, before the treatment of biological methods. Section 9 is organically related to sections 12 (methods for the determination of specific substances) and 13 (technical analysis). A brief section on the use of statistics in chemical analysis and one on definition of terms and symbols conclude the book.

It is difficult to find any specific information without the help of the index, which is exceptionally good. The book is remarkably free of typographical errors. For an editor to submit each table to a close critical examination is virtually impossible. Some shortcomings and even mistakes occur, but they can be corrected in future editions.

Louis Meites deserves great credit for bringing together in one volume such a wealth of critically selected information. Owing to the lack of modern "International Critical Tables," and the nonexistence of a book that provides tabulated information on the whole field of experimental analytical chemistry, the Meites handbook will serve for many years as a source of ready information for practicing analysts, theoretical analytical chemists, and colleagues in related fields.

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