

phosphor. In this new edition the over-suppression syndrome with persistent amenorrhea receives special attention, as well as the risks of thrombo-embolism.

HALLER's book is of good quality and is a valuable guide to the general physician and the gynecologist who prescribe hormonal contraceptives.

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*Haut als endokrines Erfolgsorgan — Gestagene — Geriatriche Endokrinologie des Mannes.* Edited by J. KRACHT. 17e Symposium der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Endokrinologie in Hamburg, 4-6 März. VII + 196 pp., 84 fig. Springer Verlag, Berlin/Heidelberg/New York, 1971. DM 38,—; ca. US \$ 11.60.

This book contains the extracts of papers read at a symposium of the German Endocrine Society. Most of them are written in German, but nearly all have a summary in English. There are three subjects: a. the role of the human skin in endocrinology; b. the gestagens; c. the geriatric endocrinology of the male. For the gynecologist the second subject is the most important. ZANDER and RUNNEBAUM reported upon the physiology and pathophysiology of corpus luteum function in women. OVERBEEK gives a review of the metabolism and effects of synthetic gestagens. HAMMERSTEIN draws attention to the develop-

ment in the therapeutical application of gestagens. The panel discussion after these three papers concerns the side-effects of gestagen therapy.

It is not possible to report the details, but the reader will find many interesting facts.

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*Ergebnisse der Bluttransfusionsforschung Vol. 11.* Edited by M. MATTHES, N. KLEINE and L. P. HOLLÄNDER. Bibliotheca Haematologica No. 37. VIII + 467 pp., 117 fig., 88 tables. S. Karger, Basel, 1971. Sw.frs. 120,—; US \$ 28.80; DM 120,—; £ 12.65.

This book contains the Proceedings of the 14th Meeting of the German Society for Blood Transfusion which was held in Giessen, April 8-11, 1970. Prof. R. R. RACE from London delivered the honorary paper on "Blood Groups and human genetics", a fascinating review of the various ways in which the knowledge of blood groups has contributed to human biology. Other topics of the congress were: histocompatibility, transfusion accidents, Australia antigen and hepatitis, exchange transfusion in adults, therapy with plasma substitutes and platelet immunology.

Although this book is not meant for gynecologists, those with a special interest in the field of immunohematology will find much useful information in it.

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