

BOEKBESPREKING : BOOK REVIEW

DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY

Year Book of Dermatology and Syphilology 1958-59. Edited by R. L. Baer, M.D. and V. H. Witten. Pp. 477. 57 figures. \$8.50. Chicago: Year Book Publishers, Inc. 1959.

The latest Year Book of dermatology contains excellent abstracts of nearly 400 articles about half of which appeared in American journals (*A.M.A. Archives of Dermatology* predominating) and half in journals published elsewhere, but mainly in Europe. The English-language dermatological journals abstracted are those which almost every English-speaking dermatologist already

regularly reads and those in other languages are equally regularly read by the average polyglot. What the reviewer would like to find in such a book is a great deal less of the *déjà lu* and more from the journals he does not see and could not read if he did.

The leading article, always a valuable feature, is on selected benign pigmented cutaneous lesions. The editors make their usual pointed comments, but have apparently missed Garnier's description of oil acne from brilliantine which appeared before the one they quote.

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