

understand the specific actions of medicinal agents and their rational employment in the treatment of disease.

The author has endeavoured as far as possible to group together those drugs possessing a similarity in action, and he ventures to hope that this method will be found preferable to following them according to their natural orders or alphabetically. Toxicology has only been briefly touched on whenever necessary, and for further information on this subject the student is referred to more pretentious text-books.

Only an outline of the preparation of drugs has been given, and botanical characters, impurities, etc., are purposely omitted, as the author does not consider these matters of importance to the veterinary student of the present day, whose time has already sufficient demands upon it in mastering the action of drugs and their employment in the treatment of disease.

The wholesale chemists have relieved both practitioners and students of a vast amount of trouble by preparing drugs in a reliable manner, and our time and energies are now more usefully employed in endeavouring to keep pace with the ever-increasing discoveries in the science of therapeutics.

A special chapter has been devoted to 'Anæsthetics' in consequence of the importance of this subject in the present day, and in it the author has given the results of practical observation with reference to the employment of chloroform in veterinary surgery.

In the Appendix some practical information is given on the subject of prescribing and dispensing, together with examples of prescriptions, which it is hoped will prove of some assistance to the student.

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