

account of his Patent 592055, applied for in 1945 but not published before 1947, so that, far from any report, not even any technical publication on ventilated contact lenses was in existence before my clinical findings appeared in your Journal in 1946.

Also, the statement that I am responsible for training the fitters "working in other centres" should read "working in other centres under the same auspices".

I am, Sirs,
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BOOK REVIEW

Virus Diseases in Man. (*Viruserkrankungen des Menschen*). BY W. D. GERMER. 1954.

Pp. 190, 47 figs (including 8 col.). G. Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart (30 DM.; 52s. 6d.).

This book comprises a useful short summary of modern knowledge on virus diseases the more common of which are considered seriatim after a useful preliminary review of the techniques of investigating and cultivating these organisms. Of the general virus diseases many, such as those responsible for measles, smallpox, polioencephalitis, encephalitis, molluscum contagiosum, herpes simplex and zoster, and so on, have a considerable ophthalmological interest, sometimes incidental, sometimes very real; others, such as those responsible for trachoma, inclusion blennorrhoea, and epidemic keratoconjunctivitis, are peculiar to the province of this specialty. These are all briefly discussed with short bibliographies of the more important literature.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Biologie du cristallin (Report presented to the *Société française d'ophtalmologie*).

By J. Nordmann. 1954. Pp. 730; 169 figs, 39 tables, bibl. Masson, Paris.

As an extensive review of this book will appear in *Ophthalmic Literature*, it is not proposed to make it the subject of a review in this Journal.

NOTES

THE ILLUMINATING ENGINEERING SOCIETY has conferred Honorary Membership upon Sir John Herbert Parsons who is a past-president of the Society and was the first chairman of its Council.