

Handbook of Transport Medicine with Special Consideration of All Transport Sciences. (Handbuch der Verkehrsmedizin. Unter Berücksichtigung aller Verkehrswissenschaften). Edited by K. WAGNER and H.-J. WAGNER. 1968. Pp. 1152, 248 figs and refs. Springer, Berlin. (DM 248).

Every year, all over the world, the traffic on the roads, in the air, and at sea is becoming more intense and gives rise to diverse problems. This newly-published handbook combines the different sciences involved in transport problems and attempts to give an up-to-date bibliography of the international literature.

After a historical review with special consideration of maritime medicine, a chapter is devoted to various German traffic regulations, and the physiological requirements for obtaining a driving licence are discussed as well as the psychological and sociological problems.

There is also a chapter on ophthalmology which deals mainly with the ocular requirements for driving licences, based on the regulations of the German Ophthalmological Society.

After a separate chapter on industries, railways, and shipping, there are chapters on military and aviation medicine.

Finally the exogenic factors (climate, drugs, etc.) which can influence a driver are described, and the prevention of accidents as well as emergency regulations are discussed.

This book is excellently written by specialists in these subjects in Germany. In spite of the foreword, the emphasis lies on the German traffic laws. The chapter on ophthalmology puts forward no new ideas.

Hazards in Operations on the Throat, Nose, and Face and the Correction of Imperfect Intervention. (Gefahren bei Operationen an Hals, Ohr und Gesicht und die Korrektur fehlerhafter Eingriffe). By A. HERRMANN. 1968. Pp. 733, 410 figs and refs. Springer, Berlin. (DM 298).

This book will be mainly of interest to E.N.T. surgeons; the comparatively small part which concerns the ophthalmic surgeon discusses problems which may be due to complex traumatic events such as an injury caused by a cow's horn. In such cases close co-operation with the E.N.T. surgeon is important. The normal risk of Toti's operation is mentioned and the importance of a preoperative rhinological test is emphasized; cases of very pronounced deviation of the nasal septum may make the operation impossible.

A chapter is devoted to the risks involved in anaesthesia in these operations.