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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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BOOK REVIEWS

ACETON BIS ZUCKER (Aceton to Sugar), NACHSCHLAGEBUCH FÜR ZUCKERKRANKE (A Reference Book for Diabetics). By G. Katsch, G. Mohnike and H. J. John. 4th edition, 232 pages with 33 illustrations, VEB Georg Thieme, Leipzig, 1964.

This is an excellent compendium written for the layman, but undoubtedly also of value to the practicing physician, the nurse, the dietitian and the social worker, who have to instruct diabetic patients about the nature of the disease, its complications and its management. In alphabetical order, from A to Z, the various topics are presented authoritatively. The discussions are brief, but concise, where general background information is concerned. They are limited to definitions or translations in the case of medical terms, but are detailed wherever they deal with the management of the disease. Thus, adequate space is given to diet planning and food values, to the measuring of insulin and technic of insulin injections, to urinalysis, to care of the feet, general hygiene, etc. A number of excellent illustrations and tables enhance the value of the book. The diabetic patient who is interested in getting acquainted intelligently and intimately with his disease will find a wealth of information and answers to all the questions which arise in living with diabetes.

DIABETES AS A WAY OF LIFE. By T. S. Danowski, M.D. \$4.50, 186 pp., Coward-McCann, New York, 1964.

This is the second edition of a manual for diabetic persons, first published in 1957. The book's outstanding qualities are