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### Allergies

Like the farmer who enjoyed good health until he read the patent medicine almanac, the allergy susceptible person will recall his ailments as he reads this realistic treatise on allergic diseases. In brief compass are outlined causes, symptoms, diagnoses, and treatments. The list of allergy causing agents is astounding to one who has not investigated this group of diseases. Among plants the allergens read like a floral list for a typical midwestern habitat, and the animal list might be headed, "Common animals I have met." The geneticist will be impressed by the statement that more than 50 per cent of the asthma cases have an hereditary history, but detailed family histories are not included. This volume will be of interest to the biologist, the medical practitioner, and the allergic patient.

—*R. A. Hefner.*

**Allergy, its Practical Application**, by J. A. Rudolph, M. D. 208 pp. Dorrence, 1937. \$3.00.