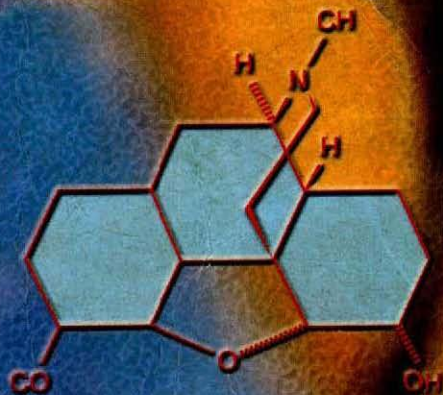


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Preface

Public interest in all things "natural and organic," including, especially, drugs and medicines, continues to increase at an unprecedented rate. This interest, coupled with the unparalleled availability of pharmacists among health professionals, places an increasing burden on them to provide their patients with detailed, accurate information on all aspects of the natural product drugs that have either been prescribed or are self-selected. Thus, the importance of pharmacognosy, "pharmacy's specific and peculiar contribution to the cause of science," continues to grow as knowledge of natural drugs—and the transmittal of that knowledge—become of ever greater significance in the practice of pharmacy.

To provide such essential information to the pharmacist continues to be the objective of this text. Changes in this edition are more evolutionary than revolutionary. Material has been added to the "General Introduction" to help the reader understand possible future developments in the field. New information has been added through-

out, especially in the chapters on Antibiotics and Vitamins. Old references have been deleted and new ones incorporated wherever possible. These should be consulted by those interested in obtaining more detailed information than can be provided in a single volume of manageable size.

In spite of the literally thousands of books and booklets devoted to natural drugs and drug products published in the last decade, we believe that *Pharmacognosy* is the only one providing comprehensive, accurate, scientific information of a biologic and chemical nature on the truly significant drugs of plant, animal, and microbial origin currently employed in medicine. That continues to be our objective. The book's uniqueness in the field of American publishing and its utilization, often in translation, in educational institutions throughout the world, testify to our success in meeting that goal.

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