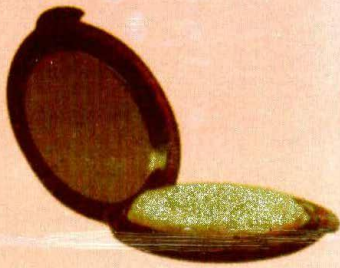


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## Preface

The usefulness of Harry's *Cosmeticology* as a compact but comprehensive source book is confirmed by its continuing popularity in all parts of the world: we are confident that this seventh edition will, once again, meet a warm welcome.

We have endeavoured to maintain the book's overall scope and style to the pattern that appears to be appreciated by readers, telling not only 'what' but also 'why'. References to sources of more detailed information are freely provided, but we have not attempted to produce in a single work a compendium of exhaustive textbooks. The contributors to this new edition are drawn from an exceptionally wide range of companies and academic sources; we thank all concerned for their cooperation in producing a unified work.

There have been the usual problems of decision about areas of cosmetic science or technology that are currently in a state of change, whether by reason of, say new scientific discoveries or of impending legislation. Our general rule has been to eschew arbitrary assumptions about the future, but to present the situation as seen at the time of going to press. We know that, inevitably, we will be found somewhere to have been overtaken by events and readers will never be absolved from the task of checking the latest legal or patent situation as it affects their use of the information given.

In the Preface to the sixth edition we hazarded an opinion that major scientific advances would affect the development of pure cosmetics. Regrettably, this has been a slow dawn and we find no justification for any changes in these particular areas; the older formulae are part of the necessary historical background — moreover, to regard the latest as necessarily the best is a fallacy. In all other parts of the book there has been substantial rewriting and updating. The sequence of chapters has been made more logical, and new chapters have been added on good manufacturing practice and on that most important of ingredients, water.

Above all, the basic chapters on the skin, the tooth, the hair and the nails have been completely rewritten so as to provide a really up-to-date scientific background. In this connection it is appropriate to stress, in the words of an earlier edition, that we deal with the 'normal abnormalities' and are concerned with 'those deviations from the norm of skin, hair and teeth occurring or tending to occur under the normal daily stresses of work, wear, dirt, exposure and climate, and not excluding psychological stress'.

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