

Moravia (the central part of Czechoslovakia) has been, Dr. Hrdlicka explained, a particularly favorable region for occupation by early man. It is for the most part a beautiful gently rolling country of rich soils and good climate; while the limestone hills are full of ancient caves.

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MICROSCOPY IN THE SERVICE OF MAN. By Robert M. Neill, New York; Henry Holt and Company. Home University Series. 1926. \$1.00.

This little book contains a rapid summary of the manifold aspects of human life that have been affected by the new sight given to man by the invention of the compound microscope. It is a sharp reminder to scientists that one of the things they take for granted is really a brazen and crystal door into a whole world of wonder and romance; and it should be a revelation to the inquiring layman.

COLLEGE PHYSICS; by A. Wilmer Duff. New York; Longmans, Green and Co., 1925. 484 pp., \$3.00.

In this book, the publishers have produced a really good general physics. All the fundamental facts are presented, and without too great use of mathematical expressions, although the author does not hesitate to bring them in when necessary. Such recent advances as the quantum theory, the theory of relativity and X-ray spectra, are briefly mentioned.

ASTRONOMICAL PHYSICS; by F. J. M. Stratton. New York, E. P. Dutton and Co., 1926. 213 pp., \$5.00.

With the great advance that recent years have seen in the physics of the stars as well as of terrestrial bodies, such a book as this one of Dr. Stratton's is most welcome, for it presents in small compass the latest and best views of the physical conditions of the stars, and the methods by which they are determined. Obviously, to treat of such subjects as the sun, stellar evolution, novas, variable stars, nebulae, and still others, each of which has been the subject of numerous treatises, in the space of 213 pages, is not easy, especially if it is to remain intelligible. However, the author has achieved a considerable degree of success and while the book is not one to be recommended for light reading, it is easily comprehensible to anyone with a general knowledge of modern physics.

The brilliant bird of paradise is a close relative of the common crow.

The average family in the United States spends \$10 a year for soap.
