

## First Glances at New Books

A HISTORY OF THE PHARAOHS. Volume I—Arthur Weigall—*Dutton* (\$6). In the first volume of this important work, Mr. Weigall has brought together and re-interpreted old original records, so that much new light is shed on the dark ages in the first eleven dynasties. The author's deductions as to the Egyptian calendar and chronology result in a new system of dates, more complete and precise than any heretofore presented.

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PIKE, PICKEREL AND MUSKALONGE—A. C. Weed—*Field Museum* (\$.75). Last summer the pike, as the "President's fish," stirred up a lot of popular ichthyological discussion. This booklet gives accurate and authoritative information about the American pikes and pike-like fishes in easily readable form. It is illustrated with eight good colored plates.

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MORPHOLOGY AND MECHANISM OF THE INSECT THORAX—R. E. Snodgrass—*Smithsonian Misc. Coll. Vol. 80, No. 1*. A monograph of great value to entomologists and students of comparative anatomy.

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EUROPEAN SKETCHES—M. A. DeVitis and others—*Univ. of Pittsburgh* (\$.60). A series of six radio travel talks.

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SPRING: THE NATURALIST AFIELD—O. E. Jennings and S. H. Williams—*Univ. of Pittsburgh* (\$.75). A series of ten radio talks on natural history subjects.

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THE MYSTERY AND LURE OF PERFUME—C. J. S. Thompson—*Lippincott*. A popularly written and well illustrated account of some of the lore of scents and cosmetics, from the famous preparations of Egypt, Persia, and Rome down to present-day chemical masterpieces.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE—Claude Bernard—Translated by Henry Copley Greene—*Macmillan*. The first English translation of one of the great medical classics—the law and the gospel of scientific medicine.

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MY JOURNEY TO LHASA—Alexandra David-Neel—*Harper* (\$4.). Even in these days of many books and much journeying about, the traveler who can tell us about Thibet and the sacred, forbidden city of Lhasa wields a pen dipped in magic. Needless to say, Mme. David-Neel, the only woman who has penetrated the forbidden city, (and the mother-by-adoption of a Thibetan Buddhist priest), writes a story of many adventures. She also succeeds in painting a vivid picture of the strange life in the Himalayas.

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CHINA IN TURMOIL—Louis Ma-grath King—*Houghton Mifflin* (\$4.50). Chinese bandits, soldiers, diplomats, politicians—we read about their exploits in the news, and are inclined to fit them all into one stereotyped mold, the inscrutable oriental. As an antidote for such vague ideas, this set of seventeen personality sketches is highly effective. In presenting some of the varied personalities that are shaping the destiny of China, Mr. King indirectly sheds considerable light on the puzzling, shifting Chinese scene.

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF MAN. Anthropology leaflet 26—Henry Field—*Field Museum of Natural History* (\$.25). Another of the useful museum leaflets which tell a great deal about a subject in a few pages. Readers who are casually acquainted with the history of prehistoric man will be interested in Mr. Field's special discussion of the Cap-Blanc skeleton, the only paleolithic skeleton which the United States has obtained from Europe.

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IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR CHILDREN 1920, Census Monographs No. VII—Niles Carpenter—*Government Printing Office* (\$1.50). Many tables of census statistics covering all angles of the subject are included in this volume, with considerable reading matter interpreting the figures.

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THE HUMANIZING OF KNOWLEDGE—James Harvey Robinson—*Doran* (\$1). In slightly less than a hundred pages, this essay skilfully brings about an informal introduction between the reader and that supposedly cold and shadowy entity, scientific knowledge. The first volume of a new series of little books on great subjects, written for the average man.

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HOW OLD ARE FOSSILS? Geology leaflet 9—Sharat K. Roy—*Field Museum of Natural History* (\$.25). You have read about the great dinosaurs who lived 15,000,000 years ago. You have also read, no doubt, about the great dinosaurs (the very same dinosaurs) who lived 200,000,000 years ago. And if you are not a geologist, you may have wondered. How the age of the earth and its oldest inhabitants is reckoned in different ways is explained compactly in this 11-page leaflet.

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THE DETERMINATION OF HYDROGEN IONS—W. Mansfield Clark—*Williams & Wilkins* (\$5). The latest word on this important field in chemical technique. The success of this book may be judged by the fact that the second edition is now in its third printing.

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FISHES IN THE HOME—Ida M. Mellen—*Dodd, Mead* (\$1.75). Out of her wealth of experience at the New York Aquarium, Miss Mellen tells of dozens of attractive small fish species which may be used with advantage to give variety to the domestic fish bowl.

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THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF BIRDS—Junius Henderson—*Macmillan* (\$2). A compact and handy reference book on economic ornithology as entertaining as it is useful.

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A CONTRIBUTION TO EXPERIMENTAL TELEPATHY—G. H. Estabrooks—*Boston Society for Psychic Research* (\$.40). The writer reports an experiment in mental telepathy with normal people used as subjects and offers the results frankly "for what they are worth." After mathematical procedures he finds that individuals named red or black playing cards with a larger percentage of correct choices than chance would have given, when in rooms adjoining the experimenter.

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STUDIES ON CLONORCHIS SINENSIS—Ernest Carroll Faust and Oo-Keh Khaw—*The American Journal of Hygiene Monographic Series*. A detailed and thorough study of the parasite that causes clonorchiasis, a characteristic infection of the fresh water fish-eating sections of the Orient, undertaken by investigators at the Peking Union Medical College.

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