

## First Glances at New Books

THE END OF A WORLD—Claude Anet—*Knopf*—(\$3). The artistry of the Reindeer Age furnishes background for this novel of the last cycle of the Crô-Magnon period. A very interesting attempt to reconstruct the life of that remote period, based on material for which the author acknowledges indebtedness to Abbé Breuil and other archæologists.

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LOCAL IMMUNIZATION—A. Besredka—Translated by Harry Plotz—*Williams and Wilkins* (\$3.50). Dr. Besredka's new theories of local immunization and accounts of the experiments and cases with which he backs up his arguments here appear in English for the first time.

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FOSSIL FOOTPRINTS FROM THE GRAND CANYON: SECOND CONTRIBUTION—Charles W. Gilmore—*Smithsonian Misc. Publ. v. 80, no. 3*. Full scientific descriptions of the most conspicuously placed fossil footprints in the world, with many text figures and 21 excellent photographic plates.

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REPTILES OF THE WORLD—Raymond L. Ditmars—*Macmillan* (\$4). Exceptionally fine illustrations of many species of reptiles hitherto unphotographed make this popular account of unique value.

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AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF THE RELATION OF THE CODLING MOTH TO WEATHER AND CLIMATE—V. E. Shelford; and A STUDY OF THE CATALASE CONTENT OF CODLING MOTH LARVAE—C. S. Spooner—*Ill. State Nat. Hist. Survey v. XVI, articles V and VI*. Two closely quantitative inquiries into the physiology and ecology of one of our worst insect pests.

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THE FARM—Eugene Davenport—*Macmillan* (\$3.50). A book that deserves a parking place between the radio and the telephone in every farmhouse. Gives a comprehensive account of the agriculture's natural resources and tells what the farmer must do to obtain maximum yields.

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LEATHER SHOES, SELECTION AND CARE—Farmers' Bulletin No. 1523—*Government Printing Office* (5c.) Valuable advice on how to pick out and preserve shoes.

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THE SOCIAL BASIS OF CONSCIOUSNESS—Trigant Burrow—*Harcourt, Brace* (\$4). An organic and social theory of psychoanalysis is presented by Dr. Burrow, who finds the personalistic basis on which analysis ordinarily rests too limited to meet the needs of human life. Those who have been repelled by Freud's idiosyncracies will be led to see a wider expansion of psychoanalysis from the philosophic standpoint.

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LIFE HISTORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN MARSH BIRDS—Arthur Cleveland Bent—U. S. National Museum Bulletin No. 135—*Government Printing Office*. Exceptionally fine photographs make this valuable account of native marsh birds of interest to all nature lovers as well as ornithologists.

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A MANUAL OF INDIVIDUAL MENTAL TESTS AND TESTING—Augusta F. Bronner, William Healy, Gladys M. Lowe, Myra E. Shimberg—*Little, Brown* (\$3.50). An extremely complete and useful collection of test material, with a practical discussion on methods and procedures.

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CANCER CONTROL—*Surgical Pub. Co.* The full report of the international symposium held last September at Lake Mohonk under the auspices of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. It forms a complete survey of our present state of knowledge of this dreaded disease.

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THE ELEMENTS OF RADIO-COMMUNICATION—O. F. Brown—*Oxford Univ.* An up-to-date treatise on the more important phases of radio telegraphy and telephony, including chapters on short wave transmission, "beam" transmission, and static.

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TITANIUM—William M. Thornton, Jr.—*Chemical Catalog*. This latest volume in the American Chemical Society's series of monographs is probably the most complete work in English on the subject of titanium. Everyone who has, or expects to have, anything to do with titanium should have this book in his library.

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SOIL MINERALOGY—Frederick A. Burt—*Van Nostrand* (\$1.50). An account of the minerals that are found in soil and how they affect it.

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INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIC CHEMISTRY—Roger J. Williams—*Van Nostrand* (\$3.50). "The desire to rationalize more fully the subject of organic chemistry is the basic reason for the existence of this text book," says its author. To do this he makes frequent use of the connection between organic chemistry and the other branches of the science, and tries to show the student how the facts which he relates are true.

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THE DE LAMAR LECTURES 1925-1926 of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, John Hopkins University—Thirteen papers—*Williams and Wilkins* (\$5). These lectures concern themselves with modern problems and theories—for example, sun treatment for tuberculosis, industrial poisons, goiter prevention, constitutional types in relation to disease. The subjects are handled in specific fashion by well-known authorities.

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PHOSPHORIC ACID, PHOSPHATES, AND PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZERS—Wm. H. Waggaman assisted by Henry W. Easterwood—*Chemical Catalog Co.* (\$7.50). An invaluable reference book bringing together the present knowledge about these important compounds.

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ATOMIC THEORY—Arthur Haas—*Van Nostrand* (\$3.50). With the great developments in atomic theory, it is hard to keep abreast of the latest facts and theories, but in this new book by the distinguished Viennese physicist, the latest ideas are clearly and adequately stated.

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ISOSTASY—William Bowie—*Dutton*. The distinguished chief of the Division of Geodesy of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey contributes a learned treatise on the modern views of the earth's crust.

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APPLICATION OF THE ALGEBRAIC ABERRATION EQUATIONS TO OPTICAL DESIGN—I. C. Gardner—*U. S. Bur. Standards* (\$4.45). A valuable technological paper.

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COMPARISON OF AMERICAN, BRITISH AND GERMAN STANDARDS FOR METAL FITS—Irvin H. Fullmer—*U. S. Bur. Standards* (\$10). Of value in shop and laboratory practice.

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