

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

PREHISTORIC MAN—Keith Henderson—*Dutton* (\$3). At last, prehistoric men made human, not by novelizing them, but by discussing them in most readable and picturesque fashion. It is a surprisingly complete account, too, starting out with brief, clean-cut chapters on the evolutionary prelude to man's appearance, and then taking up the drama of progress, including chapters on "The Strange Mousterian", "Mammoth Hunters at Predmost", "The Temple Builders", "Copper Age Men in Egypt", "Bronze Age Men in China"—and so on. A large assortment of illustrations enables the author to introduce the reader painlessly to many facts about primitive skulls, weapons, and the art and industry of ancient men.

Anthropology

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HIDASTA EAGLE TRAPPING—Gilbert Livingstone Wilson—*American Museum of Natural History* (\$1.50). Indian technique in hunting described in detail, with many stories and records obtained from the Indians.

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LONG LANCE—Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance—*Cosmopolitan* (\$2.50). If you have puzzled to understand why the Indians tortured themselves, what their ideas of education were, and what an Indian boy really did with his time—this book will make the strange Indian ways seem reasonable and practical. It is a "different" book about Indians, by a Blackfoot boy brought up to be an Indian brave, in the Northwest, before the white men had ever penetrated to that remote region. Now, after a college education, after distinguishing himself in war in the Canadian army, and after experience in writing for newspapers and magazines, the Indian takes his skill with words, which is considerable, and recalls a remarkable boyhood.

Ethnology

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CAMELS!—Daniel W. Streeter—*Putnam's*. A good-natured account of a pair of amateur explorers in Africa. Contains considerable interesting material on the desert and grassland fauna, especially the African varieties of *Homo sapiens*.

Travel

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THE SOCIAL INSECTS, THEIR ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION—William Morton Wheeler—*Harcourt, Brace* (\$7). Entomologists, and naturalists generally, need only to know that Prof. Wheeler has published another book which they will want to read themselves and pass on to their students. It were an impertinence as well as a waste of time to comment on the text; one can add, however, that the illustrations keep it fair company. How such good photographs of such difficult subjects can be obtained is hard to imagine.

Entomology

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LEAF-MINING INSECTS—J. G. Needham, W. Frost and Beatrice H. Tothill—*Williams and Wilkins* (\$6). A thorough-going treatise on one of the most troublesome groups of insect pests. This is one of the books that becomes indispensable to the well-equipped entomological library through the simple fact of its existence.

Entomology

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THE GASTEROMYCETES OF THE EASTERN UNITED STATES AND CANADA—William C. Coker and John N. Couch—*University of North Carolina Press* (\$12). The authors have deserved the gratitude of botanists generally, and of mycologists especially, for this complete monographing of a difficult fungus group whose literature has hitherto been very much scattered. There are 123 plates, most of them lithographed.

Botany

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ROCK GARDENS—F. F. Rockwell—*Macmillan* (\$1). A compact little book, telling how to construct rock gardens of various types and what plants to put in them, well illustrated with pen-and-ink sketches.

Horticulture

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BAMBI, A LIFE IN THE WOODS—Felix Salten—*Simon and Schuster*—(\$2.50). The story of a spotted fawn—Bambi—who grows to be a great stag. You hear the chatter of squirrel and magpie; feel the swirl of winter snow; see the beauty of summer sun slanting through the trees. The charm of the forest is in this book.

Nature Study

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SCIENTIFIC REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES, OSLO, 1928. *Bulletin of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, No. 5, July, 1928.* Committee Headquarters: 907 Fifteenth Street, Washington, D. C. These important papers are rather reports on the work which has been done and which remains to be done in certain fields of history than completed essays in themselves. Such topics as the origins of nationalism, the importance of the enlightened despots of the eighteenth century, and the development of banking are placed in the setting of modern knowledge. One American study finds place, "The Present State of Knowledge of American History and Civilization Prior to 1492," by Dr. Alfred V. Kidder of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

History

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A LABORATORY MANUAL OF ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY—Edward Mack and Wesley G. France—*Van Nostrand* (\$2.00). Thirty-five experiments which when performed will give an insight into heat, gases, colloids, catalysts and a multitude of other useful and sometimes mysterious things.

Chemistry

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PETROLEUM AND ITS PRODUCTS—William A. Gruse—*McGraw-Hill* (\$4.50). Liquid fuel that comes from the ground has become so important today that this excellent summary of petroleum, its refining and its distribution will prove useful on many reference shelves.

Chemistry

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HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY—George Howard Bruce—*World Book Company* (\$1.68). One of those nice, clean, clear and concise textbooks characteristic of the "New-World Science Series."

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STANDARD TIME CONVERSION CHART—Bureau of Standards, Miscellaneous Publication No. 84—*Government Printing Office, Washington* (10 cents). To find the time of day in Zululand or Paris, this device is helpful.

Astronomy

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