

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

THE INFERIORITY FEELING—William S. Walsh—*Dutton* (\$2.50). A simply written book that the average individual can understand, and which makes clear the far-reaching significance of mental and emotional experiences. The reader who has no serious inferiority problem of his own, may find enlightenment here for more successful dealing with children, relatives, students, employees, friends, and others, so that he may avoid thoughtlessly implanting such problems in the lives that he touches.

Psychiatry
Science News-Letter, January 19, 1929

STAMMERING, A PSYCHOANALYTIC INTERPRETATION—Isador H. Coriat—*Nervous and Mental Disease Pub. Co.* (\$2). This psychoanalyst's view is that "stammering is not a speech defect, false articulation, failure of respiration or defective vocalization, but a psychoneurosis". The neurosis is an infantile reaction, narcissistic in character, he declares. Speech training in such cases is denounced as treating, not the neurosis, but only the symptom "and that inadequately and unscientifically".

Psychoanalysis
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE MINDS OF ANIMALS—J. Arthur Thomson—*Newnes* (2s). This most inimitable of all British writers on natural history here tackles the vexed questions of homing, animal obedience, the supposed "thinking" and counting abilities; and descends also into the depths for traces of mind in such things as amoebae, molluscs and echinoderms.

Comparative Psychology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE STORY OF HUMAN PROGRESS—Leon C. Marshall—*Macmillan* (\$3.50). A different sort of sociology and economics book. It goes back to savages making fire, to the ancestry of the alphabet, to the Phoenicians trading their cargoes with early Britons. The gaps between such ancient institutions and ours are skilfully bridged. Later on the author comes to discussing such matters as public opinion and cooperation in industry, but even here he keeps the reader or student aware of the continuity of civilization. The style is simple, and many pictures and graphic devices add to the clearness of the discussion.

Economics—Sociology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

COO-EE TALKS—W. Robertson—*Angus & Robertson, Sydney* (12s. 6d.). Australian natives are as interesting a folk as you will find, and Mr. Robertson describes them with the understanding of a man who has played games with them as a child, hunted with their young men, and listened to their stories. Dr. Herbert Basedow, noted anthropologist, has edited the book.

Ethnology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF AMERICAN ETHNOLOGY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, 1919-1924. *Government Printing Office* (\$2.50). Besides administrative reports there are comprehensive papers on "Coiled Basketry in British Columbia" by H. K. Haerberlin and others, and on "Two Prehistoric Villages in Middle Tennessee" by William Edward Myer.

Ethnology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE PHYSICAL BASIS OF SOCIETY—Carl Kelsey—*Appelton* (\$3.50). Man as a social being is examined against his complex background of a world revolutionized by applied science, under the light of what we have learned in the past generation or two about his heredity and have come to infer about his origin.

Sociology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE KIWAI PAPUANS OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA—Gunnar Landtman—*Macmillan, London* (\$12). The natives of British New Guinea are described by a scientist who lived among them for two years. Their curious customs, manners and superstitions will be of interest to any student of anthropology and sociology.

Anthropology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

LETTERS FROM THE STEPPE, WRITTEN IN THE YEARS 1886-1887—William Bateson—*Methuen, London* (7s. 6d.). A vivid picture of the steppes of Russia and Siberia before the Siberian or Tashkend Railroads were built, presented in a series of letters from a biologist who went to study the fauna of ancient Asiatic seas.

Anthropology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE BIOLOGY OF INSECTS—G. H. Carpenter—*Macmillan* (\$6.50). The great majority of books on insects produced in this country fall into three general classes; they are either elementary textbooks, or popular field books, or handbooks of economic entomology. The lack of a book devoted avowedly to the anatomy and physiology of insects has been keenly felt, and American entomologists and biologists in general will be grateful to their British colleague for adding this thorough-going treatise to the literature.

Entomology—Biology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

INSECTS—G. E. Hodson—*Webb* (72c). Entomological nature stories for children, done in the form of a running narrative of the good times "Mother and Ann" have outdoors. Refreshingly free from the "baby talk" that mars some nature books. Such seem to be written by persons who call children "kiddies"; the present author, fortunately, evidently realizes that children are intelligent human beings and entitled to treatment as such.

Entomology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

PRACTICAL BEE-BREEDING—A. Gilman—*Putnam's* (\$2.50). In this book the accepted methods for producing better bees are set forth in simple, direct, and not-too-technical language. The illustrations are all clean-cut line drawings and diagrams. He who runs an apiary may read this book with profit.

Entomology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

PROBLEMS OF INSTINCT AND INTELLIGENCE—R. W. G. Hingston—*Macmillan* (\$3.25). Herein a widely traveled British naturalist tells of watching insect performances that seem almost superhuman in their intelligence, only to be demonstrated as almost idiotic in their inflexible persistence after they have been rendered purposeless by the experimenter. Then he brings in fresh observations that again build up one's awe of insect intelligence. The book does not give a final answer to the riddle of instinct, but it certainly throws fresh light on some of its difficult spots.

Entomology—Comparative Psychology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

First Glances at New Books—Continued

THE HEART OF BURROUGHS'S JOURNALS—Edited by Clara Barrus—*Houghton Mifflin* (\$3). The art of writing journals, it is to be feared, is passing. It belonged to an earlier age, when at least naturalists and philosophers had leisure. Fortunately for us, John Burroughs also belonged to that age, and filled many books with his daily jottings. The present editor has made a good selection from these, preserving a sense of unity in spite of the intense telescoping made necessary by the size limits imposed.

Biography
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE LAKE OF THE SKY: LAKE TAHOE—George Wharton James and Edith E. Farnsworth—*Page* (\$5). Lake Tahoe, away up on the roof of the Sierras, is a place of fabulous beauty, increasingly appreciated by the American touring public. In this book its scenic, historic and natural history aspects are attractively presented, together with sections giving useful hints to travelers.

Natural History
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

LIFE IN INLAND WATERS—Kathleen E. Carpenter—*Macmillan* (\$4.50). Although written for a British audience, about British aquatic creatures, this book can find considerable place on this side of the ocean, among those who literally "look beneath the surface" when they are walking by springtime ponds and brooks.

Biology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE SEAS—F. S. Russell and C. M. Yonge—*Warne* (\$5). A general account of marine biology, by two competent British authors, illustrated with many halftones and a number of good color plates.

Marine Biology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE FROG—A. M. Marshall—*Macmillan* (\$2). A compact but complete account of the anatomy, histology and embryology of this much-dissected animal, designed for laboratory use.

Zoology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

A LABORATORY MANUAL FOR COMPARATIVE ANATOMY—M. E. Little and R. T. Kempton—*Macmillan* (\$2.25). A second edition of a widely used and successful work.

Zoology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS—J. M. Kenworthy and George Young—*Horace Liveright* (\$4). The authors conclude that freedom of the seas can come only through drastic reduction of naval armament. It is an outline of the "unseen revolution in sea power" which, the book declares, must come from the increasingly extravagant navies of today.

Politics
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

AFRICA, A GEOGRAPHY READER—J. W. Gregory—*Rand McNally* (\$1.50). A compact little book of 456 pages, which really arouses interest in Africa. It is designed for students, but is attractive to the general reader. Profusely illustrated in half tones, and well indexed.

Geography
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

CORN FROM EGYPT—M. Gompertz—*Morrow* (\$1). Another little volume of the series on "The Beginning of Things". This is a readable account of how ancient civilizations met their farm problems, including introduction of new food plants, timing of crops, farm equipment and irrigation; also how agriculture forced changes and brought progress.

Agriculture—Ethnology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

TARIFF PROBLEMS OF THE UNITED STATES—Edited by Harry T. Collins—*American Academy of Political and Social Science* (\$2). Although the January, 1929, issue of the annuals of the publishing organization, this volume is worthy of being treated as a book. Practically all the aspects of the tariff are reviewed by many authorities.

Economics
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

AN EVOLUTIONIST LOOKS AT RELIGION—Charles A. Collin—*Stratford* (\$2.50). The author finds in the Bible a progressive revelation and hence argues that religion is part of an evolutionary world scheme. He regards God as a "Continuous Cause" rather than an "Absolute First Cause." Religion, Philosophy and Science are three co-ordinates necessary for an adequate interpretation of the world we live in. The author believes that "the Relativity Theories are self-destructive."

Evolution
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MODERN LANGUAGE METHODOLOGY—M. A. Buchanan and E. D. MacPhee—*Toronto, The University Press* (\$1). An invaluable aid to those interested in language teaching. A well annotated and well indexed bibliography of 340 pages, arranged under the following heads: Works of Reference, Histories, Aims and Process, Tests and Examinations, Texts Used Abroad, Miscellaneous.

Language
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

TAKING THE DOCTOR'S PULSE—J. F. Montague—*Lippincott* (\$1). Two short essays, one on the status of medicine and the other on the possibilities of "medical movies", and reviews of another of the author's books comprise this slim volume.

Popular Medicine
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE TECHNIC OF ORAL RADIOGRAPHY—Clarence O. Simpson—*Mosby* (\$5). This is the second edition of a textbook or manual for dentists, roentgenologists and students. The need for such a book has long existed. Some changes and additions have been made in this edition to make the book more up to date and more lucid.

Dentistry—Roentgenology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

LAND DRAINAGE AND RECLAMATION—Q. C. Ayres and D. Scoates—*McGraw-Hill* (\$4). This is a book for the practical drainage engineer, and for the man who owns a swamp or shallow lake he wants to turn into farm land or profitable forest.

Engineering
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

A SYNTHESIS AND EVOLUTION OF SUBJECT-MATTER TOPICS IN GENERAL SCIENCE—F. D. Curtis—*Ginn* (\$1). An attempt to arrive at a quantitative valuation of the various elements used or proposed for courses in general science. Of value to educational administrators.

Education
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929

THE TRUTH ABOUT SNAKE STORIES—K. P. Schmidt—*Field Museum* (20c). A valuable little pamphlet, scientifically "de-bunking" many myths and superstitions about snakes.

Herpetology
Science News-Letter, February 16, 1929