

• First Glances at New Books

Medicine-Archaeology

THE PAPYRUS EBERS — Cecil P. Bryan—*Appleton*, 167 p., \$3. For the first time an English interpretation of the famous old Egyptian medical work, the Ebers Papyrus, has been made. Mr. Bryan, who is anatomist at University College, London, has presented the material very much as he might tell it to a class of students. His comments and explanations are clear and he writes about the subject as though he liked it. As Prof. G. Elliot Smith points out in the introduction, Mr. Bryan's work is a needed one of popularization.

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Chemistry

THE PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY—James F. Norris—*McGraw-Hill*, 3rd edition, 595 p., \$3. A new edition of a standard text-book, with additional material. A new format enables it to be better without being bigger.

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Child Training

YOUR SON AND MINE—John T. McGovern—*Stokes*, 185 p., \$2. In a series of very interesting semi-fictional biographies, the author, who is an expert on boys, shows how parents and educators may make well-nigh fatal errors in directing the education of youth, and how these mistakes may be partially corrected. A good book.

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Entomology

SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN INSECTS—A. D. Imms—*Dial Press*, 117 p., \$1.50. A small book on a perennially interesting subject, by a well-known British writer.

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Physics

THE UNIVERSE FROM CRYSTAL SPHERES TO RELATIVITY—Frank Allen—*Harcourt, Brace*, 145 p., \$2. Originally a lecture, this book is designed to be read through at a sitting. It gives a rapid but comprehensive sweep over physical theories of the universe, with emphasis on modern concepts.

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Psychology

ORDER OF BIRTH, PARENTAGE, AND INTELLIGENCE—L. L. Thurstone and Richard L. Jenkins—*University of Chicago Press*, 135 p., \$3. A careful statistical study published as one of the Behavior Research Fund Monographs.

The authors have found that first-born children are handicapped in some ways, but this may be due to the fact that small families are handicapped. Intelligence, figures indicate, is greater among the younger children in families.

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Sociology

AMERICAN CIVIC ANNUAL, VOL. III—Edited by Harlean James—*American Civic Association*, 350 p. In this, the third annual volume issued by the American Civic Association, there is a record of progress and hopes in matters affecting the common weal, ranging all the way from new National Parks and the beautification of the National Capital to suggestions on how to make filling stations look decent.

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Photography

PRACTICAL PHOTOGRAPHY, NO. 5: HOW TO MAKE ENLARGEMENTS—Frank R. Fraprie and Arthur Hammond—*American Photographic Publishing Co.*, 96 p., 40c. A thoroughly practical manual which gives the necessary formulas at the beginning, then directions for making enlarging cameras, for use of light, solutions, apparatus, and many important bits of advice.

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Geology

ELEMENTS OF GEOLOGY—W. J. Miller—*Van Nostrand*, 495 p., \$3. A well-balanced text book for a one-semester college course.

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Botany

SEED DISPERSAL—W. A. Matheny—*Slingerland - Comstock Co.*, 141 p., \$1.50. A small book suitable for use in the upper grades or in high school, or for Boy Scouts. It tells many facts about the travels of seeds that many older persons never knew, and suggests experiments that anybody can perform with good returns in information.

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Forestry

FOREST FACTS FOR SCHOOLS—C. L. Pack and Tom Gill—*Macmillan*, 336 p., \$1. A book well filled with carefully selected facts about forests done in a style suitable for school use, by a pair of well-known promoters of forest information and of interest in American forest life.

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Ethnology-Folk-Lore

PANSLAVONIC FOLK-LORE—W. W. Strickland—*Westermann*, 469 p., \$3.50. Tale after tale is recounted in this fascinating volume. There are north-west Slav legends and fairy stories, south Slavonic folk-lore stories, and Russian and Bulgarian folk-lore stories. The translations are from Karel Jaromir Erben's collection of "A Hundred Genuine Popular Slavonic Fairy Stories in the Original Dialects." This fine story-teller's pack of tales is more significant by reason of the author's notes, comments, diagrams, and other interpretative material, which make the publication an ethnological work of value.

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Botany

STUDIES ON THE GENUS PYTHIUM—Velma Dare Matthews—*University of North Carolina Press*, 136 p., \$3. This book, a treatise on the taxonomy of one of the most important genera of parasitic fungi, will appeal to a limited audience only, but to this group it will be of exceedingly great interest.

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Pharmacology

LANE LECTURES ON PHARMACOLOGY—Walther Straub—*Stanford University Press*, 87 p., \$1. Selecting intoxicating drugs as of most interest to the layman, anaesthesia, compounds of heavy metals, and camphor as subjects of importance to physicians, and digitalis chemistry and biochemistry as the research he wished to report to his fellow-investigators, Dr. Straub offers interesting news about drugs of life and death.

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Protozoology

THE FORAMINIFERA OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, PART 8—J. A. Cushman—*U. S. Government Printing Office*, 179 p., 26 pl., 65c. Treats of families Rotaliidae through Homotremidae.

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Anthropology-Sociology

MAN'S OWN SHOW: CIVILIZATION—George A. Dorsey—*Harper*, 977 p., \$5. What man, after becoming a human being, did with himself. How he conquered his environment, built the civilizations preceding ours, and arrived at the machine age, and some prophecies as to what he will do next. All in the racy, informal style which Dr. Dorsey wrote so well.

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