

• First Glances at New Books

Anatomy

SIMPLE LESSONS IN HUMAN ANATOMY—B. C. H. Harvey—*American Medical Association*, 434 p., \$2. This remarkably interesting and well illustrated book fills the long-felt need for a presentation of anatomical facts which would bridge the gap between the grade school physiology texts and the medical school anatomy texts. The style is distinguished for simplicity and clarity as well as interest. The book was elaborated from a series of articles which appeared in *Hygeia*, the health magazine published by the American Medical Association, and carries a foreword by Dr. Morris Fishbein.

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Chemistry

PHOTOCHEMISTRY—D. W. G. Style—*Dutton*, 96 p., \$1.10. A brief, technical presentation of the subject as one of a series of physical monographs edited by Dr. B. L. Worsnop, King's College, London.

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Mammalogy

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BISON SOCIETY, 1927-28-29-30—*American Bison Society*, 69 p. Outstanding features are a tribute to the late Stephen T. Mather, a detailed census, by states and countries, of American bison now living, and a discussion of the present status of the wisent. The report, however, does not confine itself entirely to the two species of bison, but presents significant data on other hoofed mammals as well.

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Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY: SCIENCE OR SUPERSTITION?—Grace Adams—*Covici, Friede*, 299 p., \$2.50. You may not agree with the author that "there is no logical necessity for our accepting a single hypothesis of even the greatest of modern psychologists," but at least you will find interesting her witty, frank, and confident statements regarding both the older and the present-day psychologists and psychologists.

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Entomology

RECENT ADVANCES IN ENTOMOLOGY—A. D. Imms—*Blakiston*, 374 p., \$3.50. This book, as its title indicates, is not an attempt at presenting all facts about insects, but contents itself with

summing up some of the more important additions to the knowledge in entomology within the past couple of decades. The rapidly developing sub-discipline of palaeontology, new things in insect morphology and physiology, and the complex subject of insect ecology, both of free-living forms and of parasites, are among the topics considered.

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Physics

RADIO FREQUENCY ELECTRICAL MEASUREMENTS—Hugh A. Brown—*McGraw-Hill*, 386 p., \$4.00. An excellent advanced text for students in the fourth year of a college curriculum in electrical engineering. This is not an ordinary "cook-book" laboratory manual. The theory and fundamental principles of each type of measurement (of which there are so many) is first discussed clearly and in detail. A brief description of the laboratory procedure follows but there is no attempt to encourage intellectual parasitism in the student by doing all the thinking for him. A knowledge of alternating current phenomena and of the principles of radio communication is assumed.

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Herpetology

SNAKES OF THE WORLD—Raymond L. Ditmars—*Macmillan*, 207 p., 84 pl., \$6. When Dr. Ditmars gets out anything on a reptilian subject, zoologists are justified in sitting up and taking notice. This book is no exception. It is sufficiently scientific in its place on the laboratory or museum bookshelf, crisply readable enough to hold the attention even of the person who "doesn't like snakes"; and the photographic plates are simply superb.

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Medicine

THE LUNGS AND THE EARLY STAGES OF TUBERCULOSIS—Lawrason Brown and Fred H. Heise—*Appleton*, 151 p., \$1.50. This latest of the Appleton popular health series is a simple, straightforward presentation of the subject by two authorities on tuberculosis. Since prevention of the disease is emphasized, it is a book which can profitably be read by everyone, and it is particularly recommended to parents who wish to learn how to protect their children from this disease.

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Travel

A NATURALIST IN BRAZIL—Konrad Guenther, trans. by Bernard Miall—*Houghton Mifflin*, 400 p., \$5. Most books of travel, produced by globetrotters with an itch to write, are ephemera; but when a trained observer records the sights and experiences of his journey, enriching it with informative sidelights on a thousand things that most of us pass without even looking at, he is very apt to produce something of value as a permanent addition to the bookshelf. To this genus the present book belongs. And the translator has done the author adequate justice.

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General Science

A TEST TO ACCOMPANY "A GENERAL SCIENCE WORKBOOK"—Charles H. Lake, Louise E. Welton, and James C. Adell—*Silver, Burdett*, 16 Units, \$1.80 per pkg. of 10. A series of objective questions based on the text.

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Horticulture

THE MODERN NURSERY—Alex Laurie and L. C. Chadwick—*Macmillan*, 494 p., \$5. Quite emphatically a book for the man who intends to make a business—a paying business—out of his nursery. The first two chapters are devoted to highly practical economics, followed by location and layout, tools, soils, fertilizer, propagation, handling and marketing and a concluding chapter on nursery laws, quarantines and plant patents.

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Home Economics

OUR CLOTHING—Josephine Worthington and Catherine Victoria Matthews—*Owen*, 256 p., 96c. This is an extremely interesting, well illustrated book for children of primary and intermediate grade age. It is not written as a text book and should be popular.

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Archaeology

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF EASTERN COLORADO—E. B. Renaud—*Univ. of Denver*, 102 p. In this first systematic survey of eastern Colorado, Dr. Renaud and his associates have explored 28 counties and found only three barren of Indian remains. The report describes camp sites, stone enclosures, stone implements, rock pictures, and pottery found on the expedition.

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