

# • First Glances at New Books

## Medicine

**CANCER: WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT**—James A. Tobey—*Knopf*, 313 p., \$3. This book for the layman contains much sound information on a subject of almost universal interest. The section on false cancer cures is particularly good. However, the book is written on a note of high optimism, particularly as regards the possibility of curing cancer when it is diagnosed in early stages, with which many physicians and cancer authorities will not entirely agree. The author is not a physician but a Doctor of Public Health. He has, however, had the assistance and criticism of many eminent cancer authorities in writing this book, which carries an introduction by Dr. Joseph Colt Bloodgood of Johns Hopkins University.

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## Hygiene

**THE SEXUAL SIDE OF MARRIAGE**—M. J. Exner—*Norton*, 252 p., \$2.50. This book for the layman has the endorsement of leading authorities in the fields of medicine and health, social hygiene, psychology and education. It is a clearly written, frank discussion of the subject, giving reasons for sexual maladjustment and concrete advice on how to make a success of marriage.

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## Ichthyology

**SILVER**—R. L. Haig-Brown—*Macmillan*, 96 p., \$1.50. The biography of a magnificent Atlantic salmon, written by a fisherman who knows how to love fish as well as how to catch them.

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## Chronology

**WHAT TIME IS IT?**—M. Ilin—*Lippincott*, 132 p., \$1.50. Children will delight in this story of clocks which tells how man through countless centuries learned to measure the hours and minutes. The author is the young Russian engineer who wrote "New Russia's Primer."

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## Nutrition

**ECONOMICS OF FOOD CONSUMPTION**—Edith Hawley—*McGraw-Hill*, 335 p., \$3. Facts and figures about food are presented in a remarkably interesting way in this book, which tells about food habits and costs at home and abroad, and costs and methods of retailing

foods. The home economist, whether she be teacher, institutional worker or plain housewife, will be particularly interested in Miss Hawley's book.

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## Ethnology

**DRESS, DRINKS, AND DRUMS**—Ernest Crawley—*Methuen, London*, 274 p., 12s, 6d. Three of the late Mr. Crawley's papers have been assembled by the editor, Theodore Besterman, for this volume. The subtitle is "Further Studies of Savages and Sex." The papers contain a great many observations on three important factors in human society, shedding light on origins and backgrounds. The British ethnologist held some interesting theories, as, for example, that man's clothing began as pockets, without a suit. That is to say, the waist-string he assumed as the point of departure for the evolution of dress, the string serving as a "continuous pocket" for carrying weapons and other handy articles.

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## Botany

**RECENT ADVANCES IN BOTANY**—E. C. Barton-Wright—*Blakiston*, 287 p., \$4. The latest addition to this useful series of "Recent Advances" books contains chapters on plant structure, palaeobotany, the species problem, fungi, algae and virus diseases of plants.

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## Physics-Radio

**RADIO AND ELECTRONIC DICTIONARY**—Comp. by Harold P. Manly—*Fredrick J. Drake & Co.*, \$2.50. A reference book which will prove valuable to anyone working in the many industries and technologies that are served by the electron tube.

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## Agriculture

**AGRICULTURE: GENERAL STATISTICS: SUMMARY FOR THE UNITED STATES 1929 AND 1930**—Bureau of the Census—*Government Printing Office*, 111 p., 15c. A great mass of statistical information on American agriculture, compacted into tabular form.

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## Geography

**THE PIONEER FRINGE**—Isaiah Bowman—*American Geographical Society*, 361 p., \$4. Every continent has its pioneer fringe where luck-hunters are experimenting with untamed land. "Pioneering is an acute question of national magnitude," writes Dr. Bowman, "not only because men have gone to the frontier but also because they are now going in large numbers." There is no handy rule to pioneering, Dr. Bowman says plainly, but a "science of settlement" can be, and is being, developed. This science of settlement can analyze causes of failure and success, and can show pioneers how to profit by experience of their fellows. Following analysis of the problem, the geographer presents chapters on seven different pioneer regions of the world.

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## Marine Engineering

**SEVENTY FATHOMS DEEP**—David Scott—*Henry Holt*, 275 p., \$3. This is the story of the Italian salvage ship *Artiglio* that went hunting for drowned ships only to suffer finally the same fate.

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## History of Science

**THE LAST CRUISE OF THE CARNEGIE**—J. Harland Paul—*Williams and Wilkins*, 331 p., \$5. On the long, tragic heroic list of ships that sailed, away and never came back, the *Carnegie*, non-magnetic survey yacht of the Carnegie institution of Washington, holds a melancholy but honorable place. Dr. Paul, who was ship's doctor as well as scientific observer, here tells of the events of her seventh and last world cruise, and of her accidental destruction in Apia harbor, with the death of her commander, Capt. Percy Ault.

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## Education

**THE ACCEPTABLE USES OF ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**—Paul R. Mort and Arthur I. Gates—*Teachers College, Columbia University*, 85 p., \$1. A manual for the use of teachers and others doing educational testing.

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