

• First Glances at New Books

Biography

LIFE OF MENDEL—Hugo Iltis, transl. by Eden and Cedar Paul—*Norton*, 336 p., \$5. The English-speaking world has long been waiting for a really adequate biography of the man who founded genetics as a real science, and in rendering Iltis's book into such readable form the translators have made all biologists their debtors. Iltis shows us many things about Mendel's life that were hitherto unknown or imperfectly known: that the monastery where he was "buried" was really a cultural center of the first order; that Mendel was a versatile man of affairs as well as a monk and a scientist; that he tried his hand at other sciences besides genetics, including meteorology, geology and apiculture.

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Geology-Geography

THE BALTIC REGION—E. G. Woods—*Dutton*, 434 p., \$5.50. The characteristic geology and physical geography of the Baltic countries are the main subjects of this book; though writing of the land leads the author on to tell how land forms have determined the course of human life and settlement in the Baltic. The geologic history of the region is of particular interest. Countries included in this study are Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. A large number of drawings of scenic and cultural features and 54 maps and diagrams add to the attractiveness and value of the work.

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Anatomy

A DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANES OF FASCIA OF THE HUMAN BODY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FASCIA OF THE ABDOMEN, PELVIS AND PERINEUM—B. B. Gallaudet—*Columbia University Press*, 75 p., \$2. The author has described, from his own dissections, the fascial planes in three regions in which, in his opinion, they are inadequately described in present English and American texts.

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Archaeology

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ATLAS OF MICHIGAN—Wilbert B. Hinsdale—*Univ. of Michigan Press*, 40 p., 20 maps, \$6. Michigan, with its copper mines, held a position of high economic importance in prehistoric America: the prehistoric geography of Michigan is, therefore, of

especial interest. The maps made for this atlas show in very clear, red symbols such features as villages, mounds, garden beds, trails, ancient excavations for copper. The text pages contain enough descriptive matter to "make clear the information presented upon the maps." The atlas is an admirable piece of work, which may well serve as a model for similar publications in other states.

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Anthropology

ANTHROPOLOGY AND MODERN LIFE—Franz Boas—*Norton*, 255 p., \$3. A revised, in fact completely re-written, edition of a book which first appeared in 1928. Dr. Boas believes that "a knowledge of anthropology enables us to look with greater freedom at the problems confronting our civilization." The political and economic changes that have occurred since 1928, and the progress of anthropological studies since then, have reenforced his convictions; and he has in this book brought up-to-date his views on races, nationalism, eugenics, criminology, education and other present-day problems.

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Geography

APPLETON'S STANDARD SCHOOL ATLAS—ed. by George Philip and V. C. Finch—*Appleton*, xxviii×VIII×63 p., \$1.50. A good atlas for elementary school use. The principal maps stress physiographic features.

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Ornithology

THE BIRDS OF CHILE—Charles E. Hellmayr—*Field Museum*, 472 p., \$2.50. A thorough-going systematic monograph, which will be welcomed by both field and museum ornithologists.

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Chemistry

A COURSE IN QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS—J. Samuel Guy and Augusta Skeen—*Ginn*, 242 p., \$2.20. This is a text that is intended for use in an elementary collegiate course rather than as a reference book.

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Medicine Economics

THE HEALING CULTS: A STUDY OF SECTARIAN MEDICAL PRACTICE, ITS EXTENT, CAUSES AND CONTROL—Louis S. Reed—*University of Chicago Press*, 134 p., \$2. Publication of the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care. In order to present a comprehensive picture of medical service in the United States the Committee has included this survey of the various cults. Their history and numbers, distribution, economic importance, legal status, relations with doctors of medicine, and the nature and quality of their training and service are all given.

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Medicine

COLLECTED REPRINTS FROM THE GEORGE WILLIAMS HOOPER FOUNDATION, Vol. XIII—*University of California*.—This volume contains reprints of 93 reports of medical research done under the auspices of the Hooper Foundation during the period, 1929-1931. A wide range of subjects is covered. The book will be a valuable addition to the reference library.

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Child Health

PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY IN PEDIATRICS: THE PROBLEM—Report of the subcommittee on psychology and psychiatry of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, Bronson Crothers, chairman—*Century*, 146 p., \$1.50. The value of this report is enhanced by the addition of extracts from the discussion at the Conference, descriptions of existing child guidance clinics, letters describing typical programs, etc.

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Education

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT—Edited by Clyde R. Miller—*School Management, Inc.*, 50 p., \$2 per year. A new magazine of compact, convenient size appealing especially to the principal, superintendent or other administrative officer of the school, but containing some articles of more general interest.

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