

• First Glances at New Books

Medical History

THE GREAT DOCTORS, A BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE—Henry E. Sigerist—Norton, 436 p., \$4. This English translation by Eden and Cedar Paul appears simultaneously with the second edition. Dr. Sigerist tells these tales of great physicians with his usual skill. Besides giving the familiar stories from Hippocrates to Pasteur, with an added chapter on Osler for this edition, he has included biographies of many great doctors of the past whose very names will be new to the majority of lay readers. The book is enhanced by many excellent illustrations.

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Mechanical Engineering

AIR CONDITIONING—James A. Moyer and Raymond U. Fittz—McGraw-Hill, 390 p., \$4. The technique of regulating the temperature and humidity of indoor air, especially in public buildings and industrial plants, is an essentially new development. This comprehensive treatise discusses the principles and applications of this newest of American industries.

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Language

SPANISH-ENGLISH—ENGLISH-SPANISH DICTIONARY, 888 p., FRENCH-ENGLISH—ENGLISH-FRENCH DICTIONARY, 628 p., ENGLISH-ITALIAN—ITALIAN-ENGLISH DICTIONARY, 526 p., LATIN-ENGLISH—ENGLISH-LATIN DICTIONARY, 876 p., GERMAN-ENGLISH—ENGLISH-GERMAN DICTIONARY 595 p., \$1 per volume; ENGLISH DICTIONARY, 618 p., 75c, D. Appleton. These pocket dictionaries of British origin really can be carried in the pocket and yet they contain such a large number of words that they are useful.

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Radio

1933 OFFICIAL AUTO-RADIO SERVICE MANUAL—Edited by Hugo Gernsback and Robert Hertzberg—Gernsback, 200 p., \$2.50. Detailed descriptions and installation diagrams of all leading automobile radio receivers. Should be useful to service men.

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Philology—Archaeology

ARCHIVES FROM ERECH, NEO-BABYLONIAN AND PERSIAN PERIODS—Raymond Philip Dougherty—Yale Univ. Press, 70 p., 65 pl., \$5. This is vol-

ume two of the Goucher College Cuneiform Inscriptions. There are a thousand Babylonian texts in the fine Goucher collection from the temple of Erech. Over 400 are published here in the form of autographed copies, so that Assyriologists may conveniently study them. Some typical inscriptions are also translated with explanatory notes.

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Geology

EARTH-LORE—S. J. Shand—Murby, London, 134 p., 5s. Subtitled "Geology without jargon," this compact little book is exactly that. In language untechnical yet dignified, it presents the main outlines of modern dynamic geology, together with some of its still unsolved problems, so clearly that even he who runs about the earth in a fast motor car may still read.

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Mining

POTASH—B. L. Johnson—Govt. Print. Off., 78 p., 10c. This publication, issued as an Economic Paper of the Bureau of Mines, gives in brief compass the principal facts about present world uses and production of this essential fertilizer mineral.

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Economics

SURVEY OF THE WHEAT SITUATION, APRIL TO AUGUST, 1933—Food Research Institute, Stanford University, 37 p., 50c. This issue of Wheat Studies of the Food Research Institute is of especial interest, in that it records the balloon-like rise—and descent—of wheat prices during the spring and summer of 1933.

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Economics—Political Science

NRA, THE NEW DEAL FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY—Compiled for The John C. Rerar Library by Jerome K. Wilcox—American Library Association, 78 p., 75c. A bibliography, May-August, 1933, together with list of official publications of other new governmental agencies.

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Zoology

CAVE LIFE OF KENTUCKY—Vernon Bailey—University Press, Notre Dame, Ind., 256 p., \$1.25. This book is more comprehensive than its title indicates: it treats of the animal life of the surface in the Mammoth Cave neighborhood, as well as of the strictly cave-inhabiting creatures. It also discusses animals that lived in the region in primeval days, but are gone now, like the bison and the wapiti. There is an extensive chapter on the birds by Florence Merriam Bailey, and one on the invertebrates by Leonard Giovannoli.

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Nutrition

FOOD, NUTRITION AND HEALTH—E. V. McCollum and J. Ernestine Becker—Authors, Baltimore, Md., 146 p., \$1.50. The third edition of this book, which has just been rewritten, appears at a time when the layman seems to need more than ever a convenient source of accurate information on what to eat. The authors are recognized authorities on the subject. The material is presented briefly, clearly, and in a way to make it of practical help to the reader, whether he is worried over his weight and what to do about it or perplexed at finding vitamins thrust at him in everything he puts in his mouth from cigarettes to cough drops.

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Political Science

THE ATTEMPT TO DEFINE WAR—Clyde Eagleton—Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 287 p., No. 291 of International Conciliation, 25c per year, 5c single copies.

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Bacteriology

AN INTRODUCTION TO LABORATORY TECHNIQUE IN BACTERIOLOGY—Max Levine—Macmillan, 289 p., \$1.75. Second, revised edition.

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Engineering

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION—Southern Gas Association, 263 p., \$3.

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