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Aeronautics

THE STORY OF AIRCRAFT—Chelsea Fraser—Crowell, 510 p., \$2.50. Primarily a boy's book written in popular style with two parts, one devoted to lighter than air and the other to heavier than air flight.

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Agriculture

FROM PEASANT TO COLLECTIVE FARMER—N. Buchwald and R. Bishop—International Publishers, New York, 102 p., 75c. A vivid description of the agrarian transition in the U. S. S. R., as seen through the friendly eyes of two correspondents at the First Congress of Collective Farm Shock-Brigade Workers in Moscow.

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Archaeology

THE GREAT CHALICE OF ANTIOCH— Gustavus A. Eisen—Fahim Kouchakji, New York, 22 p., \$1.50. Since the Chalice of Antioch visited the Chicago fair, it has doubtless become a familiar name to more people than ever before. Hence, the timeliness of this popular account in a slim quarto volume, beautifully illustrated with photographs and etchings showing the figures of Christ and the Apostles. Dr. Eisen argues effectively that the chalice dates from the first century A.D., which if correct gives the portraits great religious and historic significance. The opposing view has been that the chalice was not made until some centuries later. But Dr. T. A. Olmstead in an introduction says that the first century date is now supported, almost without exception, by those most competent to judge.

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Archaeology

OUT OF THE PAST OF GREECE AND ROME—Michael I. Rostovtzeff—Yale Univ. Press, 129 p., \$2. Written primarily for older boys and girls, this very informative account would seem likely to appeal more strongly to adult readers. It contains descriptions of Greek colonies along the Black Sea, the eruption of Vesuvius, the Olympic games, the caravan cities of Petra and Palmyra, and other scenes of the past which are less well known than the oft-described life in Rome and Athens. A number of interesting drawings illustrate the book

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Astronomy

ASTRONOMY FROM A DIPPER—Eliot C. Clarke—Houghton Mifflin, 72 p., \$1.25. The new edition of a little book that uses the Dipper as a visual stepping stone to other constellations.

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Astronomy—Biography

AN ASTRONOMER'S LIFE—Edwin Brant Frost—Houghton Mifflin, 300 p., \$3.50. The autobiography and personal reminiscences of one of America's most distinguished astronomers, who is now Director Emeritus of the Yerkes Observatory. The world at large would have a better realization of the humanness of scientific men if more of them would follow Dr. Frost's example and place their scientific achievements in an autobiographical setting.

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Biography

MARX, FREUD AND EINSTEIN—Solomon B. Freehof—Argus Book Shop, 47 p., 50c. Brief essays upon "three who have changed the mind of the world."

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Biology

ANIMAL BIOLOGY—Robert H. Wolcott—McGraw-Hill, 615 p., \$3.50. A soundly-planned, well-written, cleanly-illustrated textbook, dedicated to a "platform" which includes as its final and culminating plank the belief that "every problem concerned with living is essentially a biological problem and capable of analysis and solution by the application of biological principles."

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Biology

SEX IN THE PLANT WORLD-Wilfred W. Robbins and Helen Monosmith Pearson-Appleton-Century, 193 p., \$2. Sex in the animal world has long been familiar enough; though some of us are surprised a little when we learn of its curious manifestations among some of the lower animals. But sex among plants is a phenomenon more recently known even to biologists, and its manifestations may seem even stranger to one "reading up" on the matter for the first time. It is therefore a distinct advantage to have a good, clearly written, clearly illustrated popular book devoted entirely to this one subject, tracing sexual reproduction all the way from the lowliest fungi to the most highly specialized orchids. The book is the latest addition to the Appleton New World of Science Series, edited by Watson Davis

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Chemistry

SOME PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE COVALENT LINK IN CHEMISTRY—Nevil Vincent Sidgwick—Cornell Univ. Press, 249 p., \$2. Based upon the lectures that Dr. Sidgwick gave at Cornell in 1931 as the George Fisher Baker Non-Resident Lecturer in Chemistry, this book sets forth the methods of measurement of some of the more important properties of non-ionized links and discusses results. After an introductory chapter on the relation of physics to chemistry, there are the following chapters: atomic cohesion, electrovalence and covalence, dimensions of covalent links, heats of formation of covalent links, electrical dipole moments, and stereochemistry.

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Chemistry—Engineering

CHEMICAL ECONOMICS — Williams Haynes—Van Nostrand, 310 p., \$3.25. The publisher of "Chemical Markets" and "Plastic Products" sets forth the economic principles that underlie the making and selling of chemicals. The influence of chemicals in the development of modern industrialism is also covered in the two parts of the volume, the first of which is devoted to economic foundations and the second of which is devoted to historical background. Of great (Turn to Page 269)

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Economics

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Economics

THE NATIONAL RECOVERY PROGRAM—James D. Magee, Willard E. Atkins and Emanuel Stein—Crofts, 80 p., 50c. Clean-cut, objective discussion of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the farm program, and the new efforts in the fields of banking and finance, which should prove invaluable to students of economics, whether college undergraduates or at large in the world and "reading up for themselves."

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Education

A PRIMER OF THE NEW DEAL—E. E. Lewis—American Education Press, 63 p., 25c.

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Economics-Agriculture

World Resources and Industries—Eric W. Zimmermann—Harper, 842 p., \$5. The professor of economics at the University of North Carolina appraises the agricultural and industrial resources of the world. Replete with illustrations and tabulations, detailed consideration is given to the great agricultural crops and the great industrial natural resources. He also discusses the natural environment in relation to man and his wants, and he peers into the complex future of international relationships.

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Education

THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN FACTORS IN THE VERBAL ARITHMETIC PROBLEM UPON CHILDREN'S SUCCESS IN THE SOLUTION—Grace A. Kramer—Johns Hopkins Press, 106 p., \$1.75. Number 20 of the Johns Hopkins University

Studies in Education. It contains a supplementary investigation into children's expressed interest in problems. They prefer the money problem that deals with the purchase of a bike, the time problem that describes a foot race, and measuring problems concerned with the making of such things as dog houses.

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Education

PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND MONEY—Sidonie M. Gruenberg and Benjamin C. Gruenberg—Viking, 219 p., \$1.75. Helpful suggestions for handling that perplexing problem faced alike by those with much money and those with little.

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Education-Psychology

LEADERSHIP AMONG HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS—Marion Brown—Teachers College, Columbia Univ., 166 p., \$1.75. Based upon 259 case studies. Consideration is given to the characteristics of leaders in school and the ways by which they attain leadership. The implications for educators form the final chapter.

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Education—Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY AND THE NEW EDUCATION—S. L. Pressey—Harper, 594 p., \$2.75. A practical book for the use of teachers and students of education. It aims, as the author says, to "inform the reader not about instincts and reflexes, but about children." And the discussion is not limited to the purely intellectual aspects; growth, adenoids, malnutrition, play, the home, and many other considerations of importance in the true education of children are given the consideration they deserve.

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Endocrinology

THE GROWTH AND GONAD-STIM-ULATING HORMONES OF THE ANTE-RIOR HYPOPHYSIS—Herbert M. Evans, Karl Meyer and Miriam E. Simpson in collaboration with Alexander J. Szarka, Richard I. Pencharz, Robert E. Cornish and Frederick L. Reichert—Univ. of Calif. Press, 446 p, \$10. Here is a monumental work on a subject that is particularly to the fore these days, the hypophysis or pituitary gland. It is,

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Physics-Engineering

THE REDUCTION OF NOISE IN BUILD-INGS: RECOMMENDATIONS TO ARCHITECTS—Hope Bagenal and P. W. Barnett—His Majesty's Stationery Office, 29 p., 9d. This bulletin considers how noise and disturbance due to transmitted sound will be minimized in buildings. Of practical value is a compilation of types of construction with the sound reductions that they cause.

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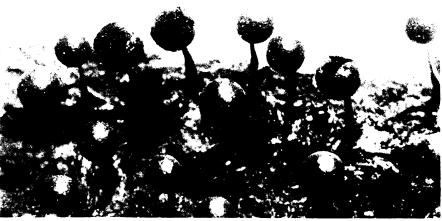
Engineering-Economics

THE POWER AGE-Walter N. Polakov-Covici Friede, 247 p., \$2. We have outgrown the technique of the machine age, the author argues. A new production technique, power production, characterizes the new power age. The power age does not have bigger and better machines than those of the machine age but it is characterized "by a different kind of machine, conditioning a different kind of production, which results in a different kind of economy and a different kind of social relations." This book is a highly pertinent contribution to the discussion of the relationship between science and man which has been intensified by present economic condi-

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General Science

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General Science

THE LIMITATIONS OF SCIENCE—J. W. N. Sullivan—Viking Press, 307 p., \$2.75. A readable discussion of the fundamentals of science as they have been modified by increasing knowledge, presented with historical prospective, philosophical feeling and an eye cocked toward the future. For those who enjoy Eddington, Jeans, Whitehead, Russell, et al.

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Geography

Northern Lights — F. Spencer Chapman—Oxford Univ. Press, 304 p., \$5. This official account of the British Arctic air-route expedition is a creditable addition to the epics of explorations in the Polar regions. It will be remembered that the leader of this expedition was Henry George Watkins who, on a second and supplementary expedition, had his career cut short tragically at the age of twenty-five.

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Geography—Exploration

THE EMPTY QUARTER—H. St. J. B. Philby—Holt, 432 p., 32 illus., \$4. A ninety-day journey through the famous Empty Quarter of Arabia, a land so little known that in 1930 His Majesty King 'Ali spoke of it as an innermost recess of his empire that he desired to see explored. Mr. Philby works hard at his job, and so along with the running narrative of adventure there is explanation of what this Empty Quarter contains. Ancient ruins, apparently, it does not contain. The legendary wicked city of Wabar destroyed by fire from heaven proves to be a volcano. Nomads have been almost the only inhabitants of the dry region. But the singing sands, meteorites, freshwater shells, animal and plant life, show that the Empty Quarter is far from being barren of scientific interest.

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Histology

THE HISTORY OF STAINING—H. J. Conn—Book Service of the Biological Stain Commission, Geneva, N. Y., 141 p., \$2. The history of biology from the middle of the nineteenth century until very recent years might almost be said to be a history of biological staining, for during that period occurred the great forward leaps of those phases of our knowledge of plant and animal structure that depend on making invisible things visible by giving them color. Present-day laboratory technique inherits the riches accumulated for it during this period, but often knows little of the men to whom it is indebted. This small book remedies that lack, and by adding to the what and how, which we already know, the background of the historical why, it helps to lay the foundation of still further progress.

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History-Folklore

THE ALEXANDER BOOK IN ETHIOPIA —Translated by Sir Ernest A. Wallis Budge—Oxford Univ. Press, 277 p., 13 pl., \$2.50. The Ethiopian version of the life of Alexander the Great is given in a series of manuscripts in the British Museum and the National Library in Paris. Some years ago the author of this book translated these texts for limited scholarly use, but now he has prepared a compact edition for more general reading by the public. The translation preserves the Oriental literary flavor of the texts, which are said to have come from the Arabic. The pictures are from the Persian version of Alexander's life, which is illustrated as other Eastern versions are not.

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History-Sociology

THE DAWN OF CONSCIENCE—James H. Breasted—Scribner's, 431 p., 19 illus., \$3. The discovery of human character as something precious and fine is traced to the Egyptians, presumably no earlier than the twenty-seventh century B.C. So, Dr. Breasted tells us, the foundations of real civilization are still so new "that we need feel no discouragement if the building has not yet exhibited the stability we may yet hope to see it achieve." Written as only Dr. Breasted can write of Egypt, this book tells of the pioneer efforts of the Egyptians to establish a moral order, of their ideas of social justice, and social idealism, following which he traces the sources of our moral heritage.

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Invention

CAN IT BE DONE?—Ray Gross—Simon and Schuster, 136 p., \$1.25. A series of newspaper illustrations suggesting inventions that might be made, reprinted in book form.

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Language-Psychology

THE ILLITERACY OF THE LITERATE—H. R. Huse—Appleton-Century, 273 p., \$2. This witty discourse on words, their uses and their misuse in "verbomania" will interest all who wish to read with understanding as well as those to whom language is a tool. The education which leaves a suggestible public at the mercy of the hypnotic "hokum" of advertisers and propagandists is condemned.

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Mathematics

THE ELEMENTS OF EUCLID—Edited by Isaac Todhunter—Dutton, 298 p., 70c. In inexpensive edition there is made accessible the Todhunter edition of Euclid's Elements, supplemented by an introduction prepared for this edition by Sir Thomas L. Heath. The publishers feel that this volume may easily be found as fascinating and as difficult to put down when once begun as any detective story.

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Medical History

BEHIND THE DOCTOR—Logan Clendening—Knopf, 469 p., \$3.75. Dr. Clendening has made an intensely colorful narrative of the history of medicine. Conservatives may criticize the free use of imagination, but the result is a most readable book. A bibliography indicates what is fanciful in each chapter and gives the sources to which the reader may turn for verification of the author's deductions or for more factual presentation of the subject. The book is fully and excellently illustrated.

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Medicine-Physics

THE SCIENCE OF RADIOLOGY—Edited by Otto Glasser—Charles C. Thomas, 450 p., \$4.50. Twenty-six authorities, marshalled under the editorship of Dr. Otto Glasser of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and sponsored by the Radiological Society of North America, discuss exhaustively practically every phase of X-rays, radium rays, and other radiation. While much of the book is directed toward the therapeutic aspects of radiology, there are chapters by such

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authorities as Herman J. Muller, George L. Clark, Matthew Luckiesh, Arthur L. Compton, William Seifriz on more purely physical aspects.

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Military Science

WHAT WOULD BE THE CHARACTER OF A NEW WAR?—Eighteen authors— Smith and Haas, 420 p., \$2.50. The English edition of this book was greeted by the New Statesman and Nation as "the most terrible book which has ever been written." In a way it merits the distinction. For the unemotional objectivity with which the group of distinguished authors, some of whom a few years ago were trying to kill each other, discuss shellfire and gas, bankruptcy and starvation and pestilence, leaves one more dazed with horror than any amount of impassioned pleading. Some of the men are professional soldiers; all of them have a first-hand knowledge of war and have made special studies of it and of its effects. They do not dogmatize, and where they do not know they say so; but the things they do know and state with calm confidence make the few ounces of this book weightier than tons of ordinary pacifist tracts.

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Nursing

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING IN INDUSTRY—Violet H. Hodgson—Macmillan, 249 p., \$1.75. Prepared for the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. The need for industrial nursing is forcibly pointed out and the duties of industrial nurses are fully explained in this book. Prof. C.-E. A. Winslow of Yale University in the foreword describes it as a "compact and admirable manual"

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Physics-Mechanical Engineering

CONTOUR MEASURING PROJECTOR—Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., 37 p., free. A catalog and explanation of an optical instrument used for the precise measurement and inspection of small machine parts.

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Psychiatry

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN—W. Béran Wolfe—Farrar and Rinehart, 240 p., \$2.50. The author states his purpose as three-fold: to guide the general practitioner in his treatment; to help the patient's family and friends to under-

stand the patient's conduct; but primarily, to help the patient to help himself. The patient's first duty—to consult a competent and reputable physician—is not overlooked.

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Psychology

A HANDBOOK OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY—Edited by Carl Murchison—Clark Univ. Press, 956 p., \$5. This volume, which is in convenient form despite its almost encyclopedic compass, is more than a mere revision of the first edition. This is due, the preface states, to the great expansion of the field during the last three years and partly to the improved insight of the editor.

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Psychology-Philosophy

MODERN MAN IN SEARCH OF A SOUL -C. G. Jung—Harcourt, Brace, 282 p., \$3. An excellent translation by Cary F. Baynes of a collection of essays. The work, which is not too technical to be of interest to the layman, throws light upon Jung's theories and his differences with Freud and Adler which developed, he says, from the needs of his patients who were beyond the age of forty. The young person's psychic difficulties arise for the most part from a need to fit in with the group and become socially useful. The older person, who has already succeeded in becoming a useful member of the community or perhaps a leader, faces a new problem—that of finding meaning in his own individual life.

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Psychology-Physiology

More Power to You!—Walter B. Pitkin—Simon and Schuster, 298 p., \$1.75. With the sub-title "A Working Technique for Making the Most of Human Energy," Prof. Pitkin has gathered information about human energy and personal working conditions and habits. Processed by Pitkin, and seasoned by his interesting opinions, the thesis is advanced that maladjustments are mainly defects in energizing and that energy is the key to achievement.

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Radio

PIERRE KEY'S RADIO ANNUAL—Pierre Key, 479 p., \$7.50. Comprehensive in scope is this annual, listing the radio stations of the world, the talent that entertains, the advertisers that use the networks, the sustaining programs of the networks and other material of a similar nature.

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Radio

WIRELESS—W. H. Eccles—Thornton Butterworth, Ltd., 256 p., 2s 6d. The author is the eminent British authority and this volume of the Home University Library provides a satisfactory brief summary of radio theory and practice.

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Sociology

RURAL CRIME CONTROL—Bruce Smith—Institute of Public Administration, Columbia Univ., 306 p., \$2. The problems of today viewed against the background of the history of rural law enforcement. Based upon direct observations and studies made by the writer on rural justice administration both in this country and abroad.

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Zoology

THE BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS—Warne, 100 p., 12 pl., \$2. With its twelve plates in color and 133 large text illustrations, this is primarily a picture book; nevertheless the running fire of text comment is full of well chosen and well presented fact. A good book to give a youngster of junior high school age, if he is interested in animals.

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Zoology

THE WILD HORSES OF ICELAND—Svend Fleuron—Holt, 236 p., \$2.50. The author of this story has achieved an international reputation as a writer of animal stories. Here he tells of the Icelandic farmer and the important part the horse plays in his struggle for existence. The plot serves only as a background for the telling of the everyday life of the animals, as well as of the more stirring times when their strength and devotion are brought to the forefront. The illustrations are done in Cecil Aldin's own inimitable fashion.

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