

# •First Glances at New Books

## Psychology

NEW INTRODUCTORY LECTURES ON PSYCHO-ANALYSIS—Sigmund Freud—Norton, 257 p., \$3. The history of Freud's Introductory Lectures, as given in the preface to this volume, is interesting. The first half of the first series were improvised and not written down until afterwards. For the latter half the process was reversed. They were composed during a summer vacation and were delivered later word for word. The second series have never been delivered except in the fancy of the author. He says: "My age has in the meantime relieved me of the duty of marking my membership of the University—even though the relation is only a peripheral one—by giving lectures; and a surgical operation has rendered me incapable of addressing an audience." Meanwhile, Freud's audience has expanded beyond the scope of any lecture hall, so it is well that he chooses this form in which to supplement his previous work after an interval of fifteen years of further study and contact with human problems.

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## Archaeology

A PREHISTORIC ROCK SHELTER IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS—J. E. Pearce and A. T. Jackson—Univ. of Texas, 143 p., 27 pl., free. The University of Texas has begun publication of a series of anthropological papers. This one deals fully with exploration of a rock shelter in the wall of Seminole Canyon, not far from the Mexican border. Burials and artifacts found there point to a culture with resemblances to the Basket Maker culture, that of the Big Bend region, and that of the central region of Texas. The tentative conclusion is that this canyon was an overlapping marginal area for several cultures.

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## Botany

TEXAS GRASSES—W. A. Silveus—Author, San Antonio, xxxvii + 820 p., \$5. Mr. Silveus makes his living as a business man, but the book he has produced is the book of a scientist in its thoroughness and completeness. Its usefulness will not be limited by the state boundaries of Texas, for that huge state comprises such a variety of habitats and climates, from desert to lush river bottom, from sea beach to prairie

to mountain, that the 550 species described (with 420 full-page figures) represent a fair half of all the grasses in the United States. Field botanists and teachers in all four corners of the land will find the book useful; the more so since he has thoughtfully put in a number of features that will be especially helpful to the beginner or the amateur, such as a glossary, illustrative diagrams of botanical structures, etc.

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## General Science

THE ROMANCE OF RESEARCH—L. V. Redman and A. V. H. Mory—D. Appleton-Century, 149 p., \$1. The authors have produced an unusually interesting and satisfying exposition of the keyword of modern science and industry. Their story begins with "The Long Climb to Freedom of Thought," as indicated by chapter title, and carries through "The Business of Inventing New Materials." Appeal is made for research in the science of sociology in order that we may catch up with our material progress and reap the benefits of an unparalleled civilization. The book is one of a Century of Progress Series.

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## Economics

OUR PRESENT DISCONTENTS—Collin Brooks—Holt, 333 p., \$2.75. The author, who dedicates his book to the English distributist leader Hilaire Belloc, vigorously assails present large-unit economic systems, whether capitalist or state-controlled, and demands a refocussing of social attention on individual human, rather than mass material, values.

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## Economics

STUDIES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, 1933—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 40 p. Students' theses selected for publication in this form because of the importance of the subject with which they deal. They bear on economics and business administration.

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## Philosophy—General Science

GUIDE TO MODERN THOUGHT—C. E. M. Joad—Stokes, 268 p., \$1.75. A British philosopher discusses the changes wrought in philosophical theory by the revolutionary discoveries of modern science. The author is head of the department of philosophy at the University of London.

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## Ornithology

FIFTY YEARS' PROGRESS IN AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY—Edited by F. M. Chapman and T. S. Palmer—Amer. Ornithol. Union, 225 p. The American Ornithologists' Union this year celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, this book being its *Festschrift*. It contains, in addition to the story of progress in the science of birds in this country, an excellent condensed review of the important literature, a chronology of the A. O. U. meetings, and special chapters on paleornithology, regionalism and other of the newest developments in this science. An excellent thing for the teacher of general zoology, as well as for the special student of ornithology.

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## Paleobotany

A FOREST OF THE COAL AGE—B. E. Dahlgren—Field Museum, 39 p., 2 pl., 25c. A well-illustrated description of a three-dimensional restoration of a coal-bog of the Pennsylvanian period, recently placed on display in the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

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## Library Science

THE ORGANIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN LIBRARIES AND THE SUBJECT-APPROACH TO BOOKS—Henry Evelyn Bliss—Wilson, xvi, 635 p., \$4. Adherence to a single classification system regardless of its limitations has made many librarians lose their sense of perspective. This volume, the result of ten years of study, with its discussion of the various existing systems and suggestions for improvement, is stimulating.

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