

# ● First Glances at New Books

## Economics

**AMERICA MUST CHOOSE**—Henry A. Wallace—*Foreign Policy Association and World Peace Foundation*, 33 p., 25c. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has emerged, during the first year of the New Deal, as one of its major prophets. In this pamphlet, probably his most important single utterance to date, he sums up and presents with new force the gospel which he has been preaching with all the fervor and insistence of an Old Testament prophet: that creditor America must choose between debt payments in goods or no payment at all; that if we elect a strictly self-contained nationalistic course we must rigidly regiment production, but that a planned international economics is possible if we can make up our minds to accept definitely bargained schedules of imports.

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## Physical Therapy

**NATURE, M. D.**—Richard Kovács—*Appleton*, 181 p., \$2. Dr. Kovács, a physician who is an authority on physical therapy, discusses the "healing forces of heat, light, water, electricity and exercise" in simple, clear language. The book should prove extremely helpful, particularly to anyone about to invest in a sun-lamp, electrical healing device or some other of the many physical therapeutic aids now widely advertised. Dr. Kovács tells just what these devices can and cannot do, when and how they should be used, and when and how they may be dangerous.

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## Geology

**THE DEFORMATION OF THE EARTH'S CRUST**—Walter H. Bucher—*Princeton Univ. Press*, xii+518 p., \$5. A thorough-going treatise on the problems of diastrophism, which will be useful both as a text in advanced geology classes and as a general reference book. The author reaches out into the mountains of all the world for examples to illustrate his principles, and incorporates also the newest results of laboratory experiments in geophysics.

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## Ornithology

**A REVISED LIST OF THE BIRDS OF IOWA**—Philip A. DuMont—*Univ. of Iowa*, 171 p., \$1. During the 27 years that have elapsed since the appearance of Anderson's "Birds of Iowa" many changes, both cultural and biotic, have

taken place in the state. These are summarized briefly in the opening pages; the bulk of the bulletin is devoted to a check-list with annotations and full discussion of occurrence. This publication will be welcomed by all students of birds who are interested in the avifauna of the prairie regions.

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## Geography—Demography

**THE GEOGRAPHIC BASIS OF SOCIETY**—C. C. Huntington and Fred A. Carlson—*Prentice-Hall*, xxi+626 p., \$5. A well developed textbook of the new geography, wherein lands and seas are considered as they affect man, his groupings and activities. The senior author, as might be expected, places considerable stress on the importance of climatic factors; balanced with this are equally well-worked-out chapters on soils and environment, land uses, water and its utilization, etc. There are also appendices giving numerous statistical tables and a fifteen-page bibliography.

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## Medicine

**REPORT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON TUBERCULOSIS WITH SOME THERAPEUTIC AND PROPHYLACTIC SUGGESTIONS**—S. Adolphus Knopf—*Procurable from the National Tuberculosis Assn.*, 59 p., \$1.15. The author of this report was official delegate to the VIIIth Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis, held in 1932. The book is a clear and illustrated account of his experiences both at the conference and later when visiting sanatoria for tuberculous war veterans in France, England and Germany.

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## Horticulture

**THE FLOWER PATCH GARDEN BOOK**—Flora Klickmann—*Putnam*, 332 p., \$2.50. Busy women who keep gardens around small houses are all sisters under their skins; this book, full of English garden lore well spiced with cheerful gossip, will therefore find an appropriate welcome on the sunset side of the Atlantic.

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## Medicine

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, WHAT THEY ARE AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM**—W.W. Bauer—*Knopf*, 213 p., \$2. Dr. Bauer knows from long experience what to tell a mother about contagious diseases and how to tell it so that she will understand it. He has written a splendid handbook which every mother and child's nurse will find profitable reading. The book is not intended as a substitute for a doctor when a child is ill, but as a supplement to his visits and as a substitute and perhaps antidote to the old wives' tales about contagious diseases.

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## General Science

**ORGANIZATION ET PRINCIPES DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT EN U.S.S.R.: LES RELATIONS ENTRE LA SCIENCE ET L'INDUSTRIE**—Jean J. Trillat—*Hermann & Cie, Paris*, 69 p., 12 fr. Timely because of the resumption of relations between the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., scientists will be interested in the survey of science and technology and the research institutions which constitute the third and fourth parts of this brochure.

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## Public Health

**HEALTH THROUGH THE AGES**—C.E. A. Winslow and Grace T. Hallock—*Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.*, 64 p., free to junior and senior high schools on basis of ten copies to every hundred pupils. An interestingly written history of medical and public health progress for high school pupils. To accompany the book an effective wall chart has been prepared and will be sent free on the basis of one copy to a classroom.

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## Library Science

**OUR STARVING LIBRARIES**—R. L. Duffus—*Houghton Mifflin*, 148 p., \$1.25. This is an incisive study of conditions in ten typical big-city libraries, showing the different ways in which the libraries have struggled with the extraordinary problems of the lean years.

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