

• First Glances at New Books

Biography

YOUNG WARD'S DIARY—Lester Ward. Edited by Bernhard J. Stern—*Putnam*, 321 p., \$3. Intimate and frank comments on the life of a remarkable young man living during the lively days of 1860-1870. In these pages you can learn much of the customs of the country people in Pennsylvania and officialdom in Washington, and you may be thrilled by the ambition which brought this youngster through all sorts of hardships, caused him to rise at five a. m. to study before his work, made him persuade officials of Columbian College in Washington to start evening classes so that he and other Government clerks could go to college, and made it possible for him to own a beautiful house with new bath tub and gas lights and "the most superb piano in the city." You may be touched by the great affection he had for his brilliant wife.

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Exploration

UNROLLING THE MAP, THE STORY OF EXPLORATION—Leonard Outhwaite; Drawings of ships by Gordon Grant—*Reynal & Hitchcock*, 351 p., \$3.75. A vivid narrative, popular in style, yet surprisingly comprehensive. It begins with the first of known explorers, Hannu the Egyptian who voyaged to Punt, and ends with brief mention of the new, third dimension which explorers are now entering in their efforts to find out more about stratosphere heights and ocean depths. The numerous maps, list of books for suggested reading, and the index are good features.

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Education

EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY—J. B. Johnston—*University of Minnesota*, 280 p., \$2.50. A collection of essays on higher education addressed to teachers, parents of students, and the taxpayers who have an interest in the support of education for young citizens.

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Nutrition

FOOD FOR THE YOUNG CHILD—Miriam E. Lowenberg—*Collegiate Press*, 142 p., \$1.50. Menus, recipes and practical advice on what to feed children and how to make them eat it are given here for the benefit of mothers

and those in charge of meals at nursery schools. The recipes are given in two proportions—family size and nursery school size. The advice on how to teach children to eat looks particularly helpful. The author calls attention to the importance not only of flavor and appearance of foods but also to their texture and the ease or difficulty small fingers have in manipulating them onto spoon or fork and into the mouth.

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Child Study

CHILDREN OF THE NEW DAY—Katherine Glover and Evelyn Dewey—*Appleton*, 332 p., \$2.25. A book intended to interpret the thoughts and facts brought together by the experts gathered for the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection. For the guidance of parents and educators is surveyed the mental and physical development of the child, the environment in which they live, and problems of their education.

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Sociology

SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE NATIONAL RECOVERY PROGRAM—James H. S. Bossard—*American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 269 p., \$2.50 cloth, \$2.00 paper. One of the "Annals" of the American Academy devoted mainly to an appraisal of the "New Deal", its cost, accomplishments, and future plans. The volume includes also a monograph on "The Conduct of German Foreign Affairs" by Dr. Frederick L. Schuman.

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Child Study

COMMON SENSE FOR MOTHERS—Mrs. John S. Reilly—*Funk and Wagnalls*, 380 p., \$2. This practical book by the mother of seven children will answer many of the questions in the minds of parents; what to prepare for the new baby; how to get young children quietly to sleep; what to say when the older boy wants to take the family car for the evening.

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Ornithology

A GUIDE TO BIRD SONGS—Aretas A. Saunders—*Appleton-Century*, 285 p., \$2.50. Mr. Saunders introduces a new method of notation for bird songs, departing from the really inadequate conventions based on the diatonic scale of human performance. He uses simple lines, horizontal length indicating length of note, vertical distance indicating changes in pitch, curves to show slurring effects, with accompanying "syllables" to approximate sound-quality. The text gives brief but careful description of the birds' appearance.

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Orthopedics

LIMBS FOR THE LIMBLESS—John Culbert Faries—*Institute for the Crippled and Disabled*, 104 p., \$2. Although this book is the outgrowth of lectures on artificial limbs given to surgeons attending the orthopedic seminar at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, it has been written in a way to help both patient and surgeon. The more technical parts that will interest the surgeon are relegated to the latter part of the book. The author gives expert advice on the appliances and what may be expected from them which should contribute much to the comfort and morale of persons obliged to use artificial limbs.

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Biochemistry

NEW CONCEPTIONS IN BIOCHEMISTRY—N. R. Dhar—*Indian Drug House, Allahabad, India*, 168 p., \$2 plus postage. A technical book of interest chiefly to medical scientists. The author is professor of chemistry in Allahabad University, India.

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Psychic Research

EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION—J. B. Rhine—*Bruce Humphries*, 169 p., \$2.50. Previously published by the *Boston Society for Psychic Research*; see review in *SCIENCE NEWS LETTER* of June 23, 1934.

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