

• First Glances at New Books

Psychiatry

THE INDIVIDUAL CRIMINAL — Ben Karpman—*Nervous and Mental Disease Pub. Co.*, 327 p., \$4.50. In contrast with the usual method of studying criminals as a "class" and attempts to discover group characteristics is the study of individual criminals conducted by Dr. Karpman, psychotherapist of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. In his previous volume, "Case Studies in the Psychopathology of Crime," he presented a wealth of research material in the form of detailed life histories obtained from the criminals themselves. This volume parallels and is based on the case studies, but presents interpretation of the material. Every human being is "born in sin," born criminal, the author concludes, but not everyone remains so. "It is out of this criminal basis our normal citizenry carries that our criminal population is evolved. Thus envisaged, criminality appears as one of the greatest social problems; to understand its history is to gain insight into the history of human culture; to understand its present is to be able to devise means to safeguard ourselves against its ravages and depredations; to be able to forecast its future is to build a happier and better state of society."

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Physiology

BIOCHIMIE DU JEUNE — Théophile Cahn—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 56 p., 12 fr.

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Vital Statistics

THE MORTALITY FROM TUBERCULOSIS . . . 1911 to 1930 — *Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.*, 47 p., free. If requested through Science Service, please enclose 10c handling charge.

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Toxicology

TOXICOLOGIE DU CHROME — Daniel Brard—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 80 p., 15 fr.

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Education—Psychology

FOUR LIVES—John Nesbit Swan—*Stratford*, 35 p., 50c. A small booklet of "good advice" for young people.

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Animal Psychology

THE COMPARATIVE PHYSIOLOGY OF THE CONDITIONED MOTOR REFLEX—H. S. Liddell, W. T. James and O. D. Anderson—*Johns Hopkins*, 89 p., \$1.50. Because of striking similarities between the ability of sheep and goats to learn to

thread mazes and their ability to form conditioned reflexes, the authors believe—on the basis of "definite but insufficient evidence"—that both the maze habit and the conditioned reflex depend upon the same fundamental activity of the central nervous system. Further investigation for the specific purpose of discovering similarities and differences between these two processes is recommended as a means of disclosing facts of fundamental importance for the theory of learning.

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Psychology

MANAGING YOUR MIND — Joseph Jastrow—*Greenberg*, 284 p., \$1. A reasonably-priced reprinting of the author's work on "Effective Thinking."

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Psychology

THE MAN IN THE STREET AND THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY — Richard Amaral Howden—*Oxford*, 77 p., \$1. By a British writer who is a layman writing for laymen but who has "taken great care to try to avoid howlers."

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Psychology

PROBLEMS OF INSTALLATION IN MUSEUMS OF ART—Arthur W. Melton—*Amer. Ass'n. of Museums*, 276 p., \$1. Whoever is arranging a display for the purpose of giving pleasure or information to others will probably find much of interest in this study by a psychologist of the problems of the museum curator.

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Sociology

FAMILY LIFE AND NATIONAL RECOVERY; THE EFFECT OF ECONOMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ON FAMILY LIFE—*Family Welfare Association of America*, 40 p., 35c. A report of a committee of the Family Society of Philadelphia regarding 75 families who had been normally self-supporting before the depression.

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Child Psychology

OBSERVATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN—Lovisa C. Wagoner and others—*McGraw Hill Book Co.*, 297 p., \$2. Forms designed for use in nursery schools in the study of the young pupils.

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Invention

THE ART OF INVENTING AND WHAT TO INVENT—Raymond F. Yates—*Appleton-Century*. 284 p., \$3—A book that will help embryo Edisons through the maze out of which successful inventions come.

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Mathematics

FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS—A. W. Richeson—*Prentice-Hall, Inc.*, 361 p., \$2.50. Textbook for students of business administration and commerce describing the theory and application of compound interest, annuities and life insurance.

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Mathematics

PLANE GEOMETRY: NEW ED.—Arthur Schultze and Frank L. Sevenoak, rev. by Limond C. Stone—*Macmillan*, 391 p., \$1.40. Third edition of this popular high school text which has been widely used since it first appeared in 1901.

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Aeronautics

HEROES OF THE AIR: REV. ED.—Chelsea Fraser—*Crowell*, 716 p., \$2.50. Survey of historic flights from the trans-Atlantic jump of the NC-4 in 1919 to the California-Hawaii test flight of the Pan-American "clipper" in 1935. One can question whether the over-dramatized style makes it a better book for information, but it does help to make it more readable for young America.

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Psychology

FACTOR ANALYSIS IN THE STUDY OF PERSONALITY—J. C. Flanagan—*Stanford Univ. Press*, 113 p., \$1.25. A mathematical approach to the problem of personality testing.

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Criminology

MODERN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION—Harry Söderman and John J. O'Connell—*Funk & Wagnalls*, 461 p., \$3. A textbook for the use of detectives, policemen and other law enforcement officers, but also of interest to all those having to do with the study of crime and the criminal.

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