

# • First Glances at New Books

## Philosophy

MAN, THE UNKNOWN—Alexis Carrel—*Harper*, 346 p., \$3.50. Thoughtful readers are certain to enjoy this very stimulating book which is the September selection of the Scientific Book Club. It is to be hoped that it will be read by many of the less thoughtful. It fully justifies its author's claim that it "puts at everyone's disposal an ensemble of scientific data concerning the human beings of our time." What is now known about man's body and mind is told, briefly but sufficiently, and the tremendous gaps in that knowledge, together with their bearing on civilization and mankind's future, are pointed out. Dr. Carrel uses scientific and technical terms without apology or explanation. Consequently the layman may need to read it with a dictionary handy. But this does not deter from the readability of the book and will not make it less enjoyable.

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## Zoology

TWO NEW FORAMINIFERA OF THE GENUS TEXTULARIA—Cecil G. Lalicker—*Smithsonian Institution*, 2 p., 1 plate, 5 cents.

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## Zoology

FOURTEEN NEW SPECIES OF FORAMINIFERA—Joseph A. Cushman—*Smithsonian Institution*, 9 p., 3 plates, 10 cents.

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## Astronomy

EXPOSÉS D'ASTRONOMIE STELLAIRE: IV, DÉNOMBREMENTS D'ÉTOILES—H. Mineur, 56 p., 15 francs; V, LES SPECTRES DES NEBULEUSES GAZEUSES—P. Swings, 26 p., 10 francs—*Hermann & Cie., Paris*.

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## General Science

A STUDY-BOOK IN GENERAL SCIENCE—Wilbur L. Beauchamp, and H. H. Miller—*Scott, Foresman & Co.*, 335 p., 80c. To accompany the text, *Everyday Problems in Science*.

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## Juvenile Literature

LITTLE DOT LEARNS—D. H. Patton and Gertrude Ihle, 71 p., 24c.; JIMMIE JUMBO GENTLEMAN—D. H. Patton and Gertrude Ihle, 135 p., 30c.; ALCOHOL TALKS TO YOUTH—Howard E. Hamlin, 64 p., 24c., *School and College Service*. Another series of those interesting and

helpful little books for the juvenile. The first two on etiquette are for grades one and two and two and three respectively. The last is suitable for grade seven and above.

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## Biography

THE MAGNATE: WILLIAM BOYCE THOMPSON AND HIS TIME—Hermann Hagedorn—*Reynal and Hitchcock*, 343 p., \$3. Scientists will probably be most interested in the account of how the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research began. But as the blurb says, the book presents "A full portrait of a unique rugged individualist and a story of his era of mining booms, big business and frenzied finance, as well as his services to America in scientific research, politics and the Russian Revolution."

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## Agriculture

CLASSIFICATION OF WHEAT VARIETIES GROWN IN THE UNITED STATES—Allen Clark and B. B. Bayles—*Govt. Printing Office*, 164 p., 46 pl., 25c. This publication will be of high usefulness not only to specialists in cereals, but to the general agrostologist, the teaching botanist and the farmer who tries to plow brains as well as fertilizer into his fields.

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## World Affairs

CLASHING TIDES OF COLOR—Lothrop Stoddard—*Scribner's*, 414 p., \$3. Stoddard's preoccupation with racial questions is well known. In this work he surveys the working ferment of the non-white races all over the world, ill at ease under the veneer of Occidentalism that has been thrust on many of them, actively revolting in some places; in others, as in imperialistic Japan, making use of Western technology in an effort to solve what may be unsolvable problems. The book ends with a large question-mark.

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## Physics

TRANSMUTATION DES ÉLÉMENTS PAR DES PARTICULES ACCÉLÉRÉES ARTIFICIELLEMENT—Manuel Valadares—*Hermann & Cie, Paris*, 29 p., 10 francs.

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## Biography

THE ATTITUDE OF VOLTAIRE TO MAGIC AND THE SCIENCES—Margaret S. Libby—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 299 p., \$3.75. The purpose of this book is to find out and evaluate the idea of Voltaire in the realm of the sciences in order to widen knowledge of the scientific point of view of educated men of the early eighteenth century. It is an interesting story and documented account of a "philosophical journalist" and an epoch.

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## Geography

LIVING HIGH: AT HOME IN THE FAR ANDES—Alicia O'Reardon Overbeck—*Appleton-Century*, 382 p., \$3. Family life in an Andean mining camp, as told by an American mother who undertakes to rear her brood in a condor's aerie. Even though one is an alien, if one is "simpatico" it is possible to blend into the landscape to an astonishing degree.

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## Botany

BRITISH STEM- AND LEAF-FUNGI, COELOMYCETES. Vol. I: SPHAEROPSIDALES—W. B. Grove—*Macmillan*, 488 p., \$7. Although intended only for the advanced student and research worker in mycology, this book will be invaluable to them, not only in Britain but for comparative purposes everywhere else in the world.

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## Natural History

CRUSTACEA BRACHYURA — Isabella Gordon—78 p.; RHIZOCEPHALES (SUPPLEMENT)—H. Boschma—16 p.; *Musée Royal D'Histoire Naturelle de Belgique, Brussels*, Memoires, Vol. III, Fasc. 15 and 16. Obtainable from the Museum.

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## Mathematics

A TABLE OF EISENSTEIN-REDUCED POSITIVE TERNARY QUADRATIC FORMS OF DETERMINANT UP TO 200—Burton W. Jones—*National Research Council*, 51 p., \$1.

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## Physics

STRUCTURE NUCLÉAIRE—G. Guében—*Hermann & Cie., Paris*, 31 p., 10 francs.

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