

• First Glances at New Books

Psychology

A HANDBOOK OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY—Carl Murchison, Ed.—*Clark University Press*, 1207 p., \$6. Anyone familiar with the Handbook of Child Psychology will welcome this addition to the International University Series in Psychology. Two dozen recognized authorities cooperate under able editorship to make this a reference volume worthy of a place on the bookshelf of every psychologist and to provide interesting reading to all students of humankind.

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Archaeology

A THIRD-CENTURY PAPYRUS CODEX OF THE EPISTLES OF PAUL—Henry A. Sanders, Ed.—*University of Michigan Press*, 127 p., \$3.00. Prof. Sanders presents the Greek text of 30 leaves of the remarkable Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri, some of the earliest handwritten Bible pages that have come to light. Reasons for a third century dating of the text are outlined, and the significance of the manuscript for Bible textual criticism is discussed.

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Medicine—Physics

APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE FOR ROENTGENOGRAPHY OF THE CHEST—Charles Weyl and S. Reid Warren, Jr., *Thomas*, 166 p., \$5. Primarily a manual for technicians, this book may also be of profit to diagnosticians and practitioners of thoracic surgery and medicine. Interpretations depend much on a knowledge of the means by which data are obtained.

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History

A HISTORY OF ROME—Cyril E. Robinson—*Crowell*, 456 p., 24 pl., \$3.50. Twelve centuries of national experience, from the rise of a city settlement to the fall of the great Western Empire it came to rule, are covered by this scholarly text. The 19 maps, strategically placed, are a very helpful aid to the student or reader in following the fortunes of ancient Rome.

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Radio

MODERN RADIO SERVICING — Alfred A. Ghirardi—*Radio & Technical Publishing Co.*, 1300 p., \$4. How far radio has progressed since the not-too-distant days when the nation built and serviced its own crystal and one-tube sets is shown by this book. There are, for example, some 2790 models of radio sets

in existence that a radio service man may be called upon to repair. In Mr. Ghirardi's voluminous work the tricks of the trade are clearly presented. But the layman owner of a radio set will do well to call in the "doctor."

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Zoology—Exploration

SNAKE-HUNTER'S HOLIDAY — Raymond L. Ditmars and William Bridges—*Appleton-Century*, 309 p., \$3.50. A veteran snake-man and a good reporter get a vacation—and spend it in the tropics, hunting snakes. Another book that every Ditmars fan (and there are many) will just have to buy.

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Astronomy

THE BINARY STARS—Robert G. Aitken—*McGraw-Hill Book Co.*, 309 p., \$3.75. Second edition of Prof. Aitken's famous work on binary stars, which comprise certainly one-third and possibly two-fifths of all stars observed. The 1918 edition of Prof. Aitken's book contained data on 87 visual binaries and 137 spectroscopic binaries. The present volume, indicative of progress in this important astronomical field, lists 116 visual and 326 spectroscopic pairs. Binary star history, observing methods, calculation of orbits and radial velocity, eclipsing binaries and the origin of binary stars indicate the scope of the book.

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Travel

ROYAL PALACES—Text by A. L. Baldry—Edited by F. A. Mercer—*Studio Publications*, 99 plates, descriptive text, \$2. Pictures of palaces, inside and out, all the way from Early Tudor to Late Windsor. "British throughout."

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Criminology

ROOTS OF CRIME; PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDIES—Franz Alexander and William Healy—*Knopf*, 310 p., \$3. Reports giving at some length the findings from a psychoanalytic study of eleven typical criminals. Here new light is shed on the mental warpings that result in criminal behavior.

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Zoology

THE REPTILES OF CHINA—Clifford H. Pope — *American Museum of Natural History*, 604 p., \$10. Gradually China is becoming known not only for her immeasurable wealth of history and art but for the equally immeasurable wealth of her natural history, never adequately described in her own classic literature. This volume, tenth in the Central Asian series of the American Museum, will like its predecessors receive an eager welcome from herpetologists and zoologists generally.

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Archaeology

TALES THAT DEAD MEN TELL—J. E. Pearce—*Univ. of Texas*, 118 p., free by applying to Univ. of Texas, Austin, Texas. Under this eye-catching title, Prof. Pearce launches into a pleasantly informal introduction to the science of archaeology. And the University of Texas is thereby started on a new publication series, for this is "Anthropological Papers, volume 1, number 1." Prof. Pearce has addressed himself to the "intelligent lay reader" rather than the professional scientist in this plea for wider use of the archaeologists' discoveries in studies of civilization.

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Astronomy

THE HOME-MADE TELESCOPE—Wilbur F. Decker—*Perine Book Co., Minneapolis*, 46 p., 50c. A concise, illustrated description of the making and mounting of small reflecting telescopes.

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Ethnobotany

ETHNOBIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST; I. UNCULTIVATED NATIVE PLANTS USED AS SOURCES OF FOOD—Edward F. Castetter—*Univ. of New Mexico Press*, 61 p., 25c. The initial study in a series which promises to be of much value to both ethnologists and students of the life sciences.

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Physics

RAYONS COSMIQUES—B. Rossi—*Hermann & Cie, Paris*, 48 p., 12 francs.

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