

# • First Glances at New Books

## Natural History

**WILD LIFE OF THE SOUTH**—Archibald Rutledge—*Stokes*, 253 p., \$1.75. The author's approach is neither scientific nor pedagogical; he is just a man who lives in the South and loves outdoor tramping and hunting. His chapters are very short, always in the first person and reporting first-hand observations of bits of animal behavior that are unfailingly interesting, and frequently amusing as well.

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**CURIOUS HABITS OF OUR COMMON BIRDS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS**—John H. Furbay—*Noble & Noble*, 254 p., \$2. Third printing of a nature-study book, written in brief digestible chapters, each with a vivid black-and-white illustration. There is a useful appendix on how to make a nature collection.

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## Juvenile

**AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE ALPHABET**—Hendrik W. Van Loon—*Simon & Schuster*, 26 colored page illustrations, facing text, \$1. A gay book, "to teach little children their letters and at the same time give their papas and mamas something to think about." A is for Athens, Z is for Zermatt, with an alphabet and a world between the two. Van Loon's priceless illustrations and style need no description.

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**FOOT PRINT SERIES: GIANTS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM**, 23 p.; **MONKEYS AND APES**, 19 p.; **STRANGE ANIMALS**, 18 p.; **WILD OXEN**, 18 p.—H. B. Harte—*Orthovis Co.*, \$1.00 per set, plus postage; **TEACHING MANUAL FOR ABOVE**, 23 p., 10c. plus postage—*Orthovis Co.* Review published October 19, publisher's name omitted.

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## Parliamentary Practice

**PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE**—W. Roy Diem—*School and College Service*, 165 p., 48c. For schools, clubs and other organizations.

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## Textile Manufacture

**TEXTILE FABRICS AND THEIR SELECTION**—Isabel B. Wingate—*Prentice-Hall*, 511 p., 53 figs., \$5. Individuals who sell textiles, and those who buy them off the bolt or as finished garments, can obviously get better results

if they have a fund of specific information about materials. This volume, designed to supply background knowledge, is a very thorough-going lesson book, written in language that any ambitious salesman or consumer can understand. It goes considerably beyond mere comparison of one textile with another, and discusses such matters as Sanforizing, care of knitted garments, and how to estimate material for curtains.

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## Philosophy

**FREEDOM OF MAN**—Arthur H. Compton—*Yale Univ. Press*, 153 p., \$2. Prof. Compton, backed by certain implications derivable from the new physics, breaks away from the rigidly deterministic philosophy that dominated the thinking of scientists of the nineteenth century. He ends with a frank declaration of his personal acceptance of Christianity, and of "reason to believe in an immortality of consciousness which is not vetoed by the data of science."

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## Economics

**BALANCING THE ECONOMIC CONTROLS**—Russell A. Stevenson and Roland S. Vaiie—*Univ. of Minnesota Press*, 96 p., \$1.50. Readable and thought provoking is this inquiry into what would keep the social and economic structure on an even keel in troubled times. The suggestions are specific in many cases. There is admission that "it seems impossible at present for a centralized authority to know in advance the extent to which controls should be applied." Many matters of great importance to industry and labor are discussed, such as the wages adjusted to cost-of-living, etc.

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**WHAT THE DEPRESSION HAS DONE TO CITIES**—Ed. by Clarence E. Ridley and Orin F. Nolting—*The International City Managers' Association*, 58 p., \$1. By 13 authors, each of whom discusses a special field in which he or she has special knowledge, including such matters as finance, public health, schools, housing, and so on.

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## General Science

**OUTPOSTS OF SCIENCE**—Bernard Jaffe—*Simon and Schuster*, 547 p., \$3.75. A pilgrimage to those places where great scientists work provided the material for this book, in which the recent advances in various fields of science are woven about the personalities and achievements of leaders in each field. Some of the scientists treated are: Robert A. Millikan, Thomas Hunt Morgan, Edwin P. Hubble, John Jacob Abel, Maud Slye, Adolf Meyer, Arthur H. Compton, George Ellery Hale, Richard C. Tolman, Ales Hrdlicka, Leland O. Howard, Elmer V. McCollum, and Charles G. Abbot.

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## Economics

**ECONOMICS OF PLANNING; PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE**—H. R. Burrows and J. K. Horsefield—*American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 31 p., 50c. A useful study of British origin in which the planning experiments in Russia, America, Italy and Great Britain are described and analyzed.

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## Public Health

**HEALTH PROTECTION IN THE U.S.S.R.**—N. A. Semashko—*Putnam's*, 176 p., \$1.75. This small volume describes briefly the organization of medical and health facilities in Soviet Russia. Considerable improvement in health conditions is claimed as a result of these facilities.

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## Education

**THE APPLICATION OF RESEARCH FINDINGS TO CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES**—*American Educational Research Assn.*—273 p., \$1.50. A complete report of round table conferences on research problems of a department of the National Education Association.

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