

•First Glances at New Books

Medicine

TRUANTS: THE STORY OF SOME WHO DESERTED MEDICINE YET TRIUMPHED—Lord Moynihan—*Cambridge, Macmillan*, 109 p., \$1.40. Based on the Linacre Lecture, in honor of an early physician who distinguished himself in fields other than medicine, this small volume gives brief accounts of many other medical "truants" who won places for themselves in arts, letters, science and statecraft. (See page 133.)

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Science and Religion

THROUGH SCIENCE TO GOD—Nathan A. Smyth—*Macmillan*, 213 p., \$2.50. The author achieves a sense of oneness with the universe through science, and finds personal satisfaction in this interpretation.

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Architecture

THE 1936 BOOK OF SMALL HOUSES—Editors of The Architectural Forum—*Simon and Schuster*, 256 p., \$1.96. Anyone who contemplates building a home for a small family at an "above surface" cost of from \$1,000 to \$20,000 will find the price of this illustrated book well worth while. "Before you buy a lot," architectural styles, the floor plans, specifications, equipment, decoration, financing and landscaping are only a few of the items mentioned. Mainly one sees, however, what other people have done for a given amount of money.

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Psychology

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY—Wayland F. Vaughan—*Doubleday, Doran*, 634 p., \$2.50. A textbook for beginners by the professor of psychology at Boston University.

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Criminology

CRIME'S NEMESIS—Luke S. May—*Macmillan*, 244 p., \$2. Containing anecdotes concerning the war of the detective and his science against the criminal.

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Education

EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES OF THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN A MUSEUM OF SCIENCE—Arthur W. Melton, Nita Goldberg Feldman, Charles W. Mason—*American Association of Museums*, 106 p., \$1. What grammar school children actually derive from group visits to museums, and how ef-

fective docents are in their lecturing, are questions that have been investigated with enlightening results by these experiments. The report not only analyzes results statistically but also gives some of the exact material used in preparation by the school teachers, lectures of the docents, and information tests that followed museum visits.

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Chemistry

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY—Frank H. MacDougall—*Macmillan*, 721 p., \$4. A text placing special emphasis on atomic structure, the laws of thermodynamics and the development of electromotive forces.

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Physics

HANDBOOK OF COLORIMETRY—Staff of the M.I.T. Color Measurement Laboratory, under direction of Arthur C. Hardy—*Technology Press*, 87 p., \$5. How to measure color in terms of quantities and wavelengths of light.

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Medicine

SYPHILIS AND ITS TREATMENT—William A. Hinton—*Macmillan*, 321 p., \$3.50. This clearly and concisely written book aims to give physicians and medical students the chief facts about syphilis, its detection and diagnosis and treatment.

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Recreation

ADVENTURES IN RECREATION—Weaver Weddell Pangburn—*A. S. Barnes*, 138 p., 72c. Written in as breezy a style as a book on recreation should be and offering interesting suggestions for the individual as well as for the community.

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Mechanics

ELEMENTARY MECHANISM—Philip K. Slaymaker—*Van Nostrand*, 181 p., \$2.25. Fundamental principles and their modern applications worked into a practical textbook.

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Seismology

EARTHQUAKES—Nicholas Hunter Heck—*Princeton Univ. Press*, 222 p., \$3.50. A comprehensive survey of earthquakes for lay readers rather than the specialist in the field of seismology, by the government's chief expert in the field. August selection of the Scientific Book Club, the work of Capt. Heck treats the earthquake both as a tool for investigating the interior of the earth and as a menace which man is gradually learning to circumvent.

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Zoology

A LABORATORY MANUAL OF CRYPTOBANCHUS ALLEGHENIENSIS, DAUBIN—Hazel Elisabeth Branch—*Univ. of Wichita*, \$1.

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Economic Botany

THE GENERA OF GRASSES OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE ECONOMIC SPECIES—A. S. Hitchcock—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 302 p., 35c. U. S. Dept. of Agr. Bulletin No. 772. Revision by Agnes Chase of Dr. Hitchcock's work originally published in 1920.

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Mathematics

TEXTBOOK OF TRIGONOMETRY—William H. H. Cowles and James E. Thompson—*Van Nostrand*, 373 p., \$2.50. A very complete text of the subject and related branches, leading to higher mathematics, the physical sciences and engineering uses.

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Economics

REGIONAL PLANNING, PART I—PACIFIC NORTHWEST—National Resources Committee—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 192 p., 50c. This first of a series of reports on regional planning in different parts of the United States sets forth the value of the great Columbia River system as a source of raw materials for the United States as a whole, and discusses the best methods of developing the country so that its resources may be conserved.

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