

• First Glances at New Books

Medicine

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATIC DISEASE—Maurice F. Lautman—*Whittlesey House*, 177 p., \$2. Here is a book which should be widely read. It gives sane, accurate, helpful information about one of the most widespread and disabling of all the illnesses that plague mankind. The book does not take the place of a physician, but in simple, everyday language it tells the patient and his relatives what arthritis is and what can be done to relieve it.

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Psychiatry

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF PSYCHIATRY—William S. Sadler—*C. V. Mosby*, 1231 p., \$10. Although simply written, this volume is a technical one intended for physicians. A 35-page glossary of psychiatric terms should add to its value as a reference work.

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Chemistry

DYNAMIC CHEMISTRY—Harry C. Biddle and George L. Bush; Edited by William L. Connor—*Rand McNally*, 818 p., \$1.80. The use of dynamic in the title of this high school textbook is not an attempt, as might first be supposed, to divide chemistry into the dynamic and static classifications but rather to describe subject matter that is related to the students' daily experience. The subject matter, state the authors, is based on modern sources of materials such as are recommended by the Education Committee of the American Chemical Society.

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Engineering

PRACTICAL AIR CONDITIONING—Harold L. Alt—*Domestic Engineering Company*, 259 p., \$1. With the growing demand for cooler indoor environment in summer, such information as is contained in this handbook will be in demand.

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Physiology

TISSUE IMMUNITY—R. L. Kahn—*Charles C. Thomas*, 707 p., \$7.50. Medical scientists will be interested in this presentation of Dr. Kahn's views and studies, but the book is, of course, not for the lay reader.

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Education

ADULT EDUCATION IN ACTION—Mary L. Ely—*American Association for*

Adult Education, 480 p., \$2.25 to members of the Association, \$2.75 to others. Containing a large number of condensed versions of articles which have appeared in the *Journal of Adult Education*. The authors include such well-known persons as Nicholas Murray Butler, John Erskine, Charles A. Beard, James Harvey Robinson, and Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

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Chemistry

NEW PRACTICAL CHEMISTRY—Newton H. Black and James B. Conant—*Macmillan*, 621 p., illus., \$1.80. High and preparatory school textbook which appeals to the student through the dramatic, and by arousing curiosity in common things of everyday existence. At the end of each chapter are three kinds of questions and problems; 1. easy basic questions, 2. advanced questions and 3. numerical problems.

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Economics

CASH RELIEF—Joanna C. Colcord—*Russell Sage Foundation*, 263 p., \$1.50. Relief of the needy presents a problem which is continuous regardless of economic depressions. This work by the director of the charity organization department of the Russell Sage Foundation should be of interest to all those concerned with assistance of those in need of aid. It is one of a series of "Emergency Relief Studies."

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Physics

NEW ELEMENTARY PHYSICS—Robert A. Millikan and Henry G. Gale in collaboration with James P. Coyle—*Ginn*, 637 p., \$1.80. Newest revision of one of the most widely used high school textbooks in physics. The subject matter is now so marked that it includes three separate courses of increasing degrees of complexity.

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Education

THE PREVENTION AND CORRECTION OF READING DIFFICULTIES—Emmett Albert Betts—*Row, Peterson and Co.*, 402 p., \$2. For classroom teachers.

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Medicine

MEDICINE AND MANKIND—Ed. by Iago Galdston—*Appleton-Century*, 217 p., \$2. In this intensely readable book a group of distinguished medical scientists relate the history of medicine from a somewhat different angle than the customary one. Instead of describing or listing important discoveries and advances, the authors tell why and how these discoveries were made, the idea being to give "an understanding of the purposes for which men devote their lives to scientific experiment and inquiry."

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Psychoanalysis

PSYCHOANALYSIS EXPLAINED—Dorothy R. Blitzsten—*Coward-McCann*, 66 p., \$1. A foreword by Dr. A. A. Brill vouches for the helpfulness of this small volume designed to provide answers for some of the many questions in the minds of laymen concerning this much-talked-of but little-understood field.

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Reference Books

UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE—George W. Stimpson—*Bobbs-Merrill*, 368 p., \$2. Using question and answer technic, the author gives factual information on a wide variety of subjects, such as how Tennessee got its name, whether a man can out-travel a horse and who invented the saxophone. The book will delight those of an inquiring turn of mind. An index helps make it the sort of book in which to find the answer to that question which stumped everyone at the dinner party, though the book is not intended to be a complete encyclopedia.

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Medicine

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL PROFESSION, 1783 TO 1850—Henry Burnell Shafer—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 271 p., \$3.25. This book will doubtless appeal chiefly to historians and medical men but the general reader with a patriotic turn of mind may be interested in this record of the steps by which American medicine climbed to its present high position.

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