

# • First Glances at New Books

## Sociology

**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DYNAMICS, VOL. II: FLUCTUATION OF SYSTEMS OF TRUTH, ETHICS AND LAW**—Pitirim A. Sorokin—*American Book Co.*, 727 p., \$6, with vols. I and 3, \$15 set. The second volume of a comprehensive three-volume survey of the main types of culture of the last 2,500 years, written by the chairman of the Department of Sociology at Harvard University, who has been formerly a Russian itinerant laborer and artisan, lawyer, author, newspaper editor, and statesman. Dr. Sorokin undertakes the courageous task of listing in this volume the "thinkers for each period, with the value given to each on a scale of one to twelve." A number of modern authors are included in the list, but "for obvious reasons values are not given for living authors."

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## Psychology

**OUR CHILDREN IN A CHANGING WORLD: AN OUTLINE OF PRACTICAL GUIDANCE**—Erwin Wexberg with Henry E. Fritsch—*Macmillan*, 232 p., \$2. What children will become when they are adults depends upon the things that happen to them after they are born and before they grow up. This is the thesis of this handbook of child guidance. The senior author is professor of neuro-psychiatry at Louisiana State University and Director, New Orleans Institute for Child Guidance.

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## Education

**CALIFORNIA TEST OF MENTAL MATURITY**—Elizabeth T. Sullivan, Willis W. Clark and Ernest W. Tiegs—*Southern Calif. School Book Depository*, Per pkg. of 25 tests, \$1.25 plus postage; Specimen set, 25c. This diagnostic mental test consists of four batteries: Pre-Primary, Primary (grades 1-3), Elementary (grades 4-8), and Advanced (grades 7 to college sophomores). Each battery consists of 16 individual tests, from which may be computed not one but three I.Q.'s. These are: a non-language I.Q., a language I.Q., and the I.Q. characteristic of the ordinary intelligence test.

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## Genetics

**HOW TO BREED DOGS**—Leon F. Whitney—*Orange Judd*, 338 p., illus., \$3.50. The book starts with general considerations of biology and genetics, then applies these principles to the special

problems of genetics in dogs and practical dog breeding. Every kennel owner (even if the kennel contains only one good dog) should acquaint himself with the information herein.

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## Psychology

**FACTORS DETERMINING HUMAN BEHAVIOR**—Edgar Douglas Adrian and others—*Harvard Univ.*, 168 p., \$2.50. (Harvard Tercentenary Publications no. 1.) Here are gathered some of the many interesting addresses contributed by scientists all over the world to the Harvard Tercentenary Conference. This one of the three companion volumes will interest particularly psychologists, educators, and psychiatrists.

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## Ethnology

**A BLACK CIVILIZATION: A SOCIAL STUDY OF AN AUSTRALIAN TRIBE**—W. Lloyd Warner—*Harper*, 594 p., illus., \$5. A detailed and scholarly study of those Australian aborigines known as the Murngin, written by the associate professor of anthropology and sociology in the University of Chicago.

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## Zoology

**THE BOOK OF ANIMAL LIFE**—Thora Stowell and Thornton W. Burgess—*Little, Brown*, 315 p., illus., \$2.50. Animal life is taken up in conveniently divided topics; senses of animals, coats of animals, weapons of animals, etc. Treatment of each topic is clean-cut and straightforward, in language simple enough for rather young children, yet in style attractive enough to hold adult readers. It tells more than most school texts do, yet avoids all scent of textbookiness.

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## Mechanics

**PROBLEMS IN MECHANICS, BASED ON THE COLLECTION OF I. V. MESCHERSKY**—G. B. Karelitz and J. Ormondroyd—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 155 p., \$2. Over five hundred problems which will provide plenty of practice for engineering students taking mechanics.

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## Mathematics

**NEW SOLID GEOMETRY**—John C. Stone and Virgil S. Mallory—*Sanborn*, 301 p., \$1.36. A new text emanating from the New Jersey State Teachers College.

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## Psychiatry

**THE BIOLOGY OF HUMAN CONFLICT: AN ANATOMY OF BEHAVIOR, INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIAL**—Trigant Burrow—*Macmillan*, 435 p., \$3.50. Probably too technical to be of wide popular appeal, this philosophical discussion by the scientific director of the Lifwynn Foundation will interest particularly those dealing with mental abnormality either in individuals or social groups. One step in advance of those who preach study of the "individual as a whole," the author urges the study of man as a phylum or part of the human race and deplors the tendency to pursue abstraction and symbols until contact with reality is lost.

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## Sociology

**INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE IN HAWAII: A STUDY OF THE MUTUALLY CONDITIONED PROCESSES OF ACCULTURATION AND AMALGAMATION**—Romanzo Adams—*Macmillan*, 353 p., illus., \$4. Strangely diverse races have mingled freely for nearly a hundred and fifty years on the eight inhabited islands of the colorful Hawaiian archipelago. The author, a professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Hawaii, studies this great melting pot and shows the rôles of such forces as immigration, religion, divorce and education, in the mixed and developing society.

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## Engineering

**SENTINEL OF THE COASTS: THE LOG OF A LIGHTHOUSE ENGINEER**—George R. Putnam—*Norton*, 368 p., illus., \$3.50. The former Commissioner of Lighthouses tells the interesting story of the beacons upon our seashores that protect our shipping. An autobiographical account.

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## Electricity

**GENERAL ELECTRICITY**—E. W. Jones—*McCormick-Mathers Co.*, *Wichita, Kansas*, 89 p., 80c. From Kansas State Teachers College, for a practical and elementary high school course.

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## Chemistry

**MODERN EVERYDAY CHEMISTRY**—Ralph E. Horton—*Heath*, 451 p., illus., \$1.68. A new text by the Chairman of the Department of Science, Seward Park High School, New York City.

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