

# • First Glances at New Books

## General Science

THE SCIENTIST IN ACTION—William H. George—*Emerson Books*, 354 p., \$3. Everyone who does or interprets or relies upon scientific research should get some grasp of the ideas and principles set forth in this study of scientific method by a British scientist. It is not just scientific philosophy but a thought-provoking consideration of what science is and what it can do. See also page 56.

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## Geology

FOSILS—Harvey C. Markman—*Colo. Museum of Natural Hist.*, 96 p., 30 c. A well-illustrated popular pamphlet giving the essentials about fossils in one of the most richly fossiliferous states in the Union.

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## Bibliography

INDEX TO THE LITERATURE OF FOOD INVESTIGATION — Agnes Elisabeth Glenie, Gwen Davies, and Catherine Robson, compilers—*British Library of Information*, 94 p., \$1.35.

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## General Science

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1938—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 119 p., 15 c.

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## Botany

THE AMERICAN PLANT MIGRATION. Part I: The Potato—Berthold Laufer—*Field Museum*, 132 p., illus., \$1.50. See page 57.

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## Education

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN MUSEUMS OF THE UNITED STATES—Grace Fisher Ramsey—*Wilson*, 289 p., \$2.50. A useful consideration of development, methods and trends by the American Museum of Natural History's associate curator of education.

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## History

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, A SESQUI-CENTENNIAL REVIEW—George E. Kelly, ed.—*Allegheny County Sesqui-Centennial Comm., Pittsburgh*, 392 p., \$1.75. Western Pennsylvania was still pioneer country when Allegheny County was organized in 1788. The history of its growth is typical of the growth of our nation—an incredible growth in a relatively short period. This popularly written book is

the work of 19 authors, each covering a special phase, such as politics, agriculture, medicine, science, and architecture.

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## Education

ON GOING TO COLLEGE, A Symposium—*Oxford Univ. Press*, 298 p., \$2.50. Not a "practical" book in the sense that it tells the college freshman how to study, what to eat, etc., but an attempt by understanding authorities to give some liberal intellectual perspective for undergraduate life. Dr. Arthur H. Compton writes the natural sciences chapter, Prof. John F. Dashiell treats psychology, while other fields covered include the ancient classics, literature, foreign languages, history, social sciences, philosophy, religion, dramatics, fine arts and music.

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## Law

THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC PROPERTY—Stephen P. Ladas—*Macmillan*, 2 vols., 1273 p., \$8.50. A comprehensive and authoritative treatise on an important and tangled problem. Copyright in the United States is dealt with in detail, as are international and inter-American copyrights and the laws of various countries.

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## Botany

COMMON EDIBLE AND POISONOUS MUSHROOMS OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN—Alexander H. Smith—*Cranbrook Inst. of Science*, 71 p., 15 plates, paper, 50 c., cloth, \$1. This attractive, well-illustrated little book not only aids you in telling the good ones from the bad ones, but contains practical hints for preparing the good ones for the table. Useful far beyond the restricted geographical limits it sets for itself.

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## Education—General Science

ENGLISH FOR STUDENTS IN APPLIED SCIENCES—S. A. Harbarger, W. R. Dumble, W. R. Hildreth and Bert Emsley—*McGraw-Hill*, 260 p., \$2. Recommended also to some of the scientists who write scientific papers.

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## Engineering

HISTORY OF THE GAS INDUSTRY—Louis Stotz and Alexander Jamison—*pub. by author*, 534 p., illus., \$3.50. The uses of gas for fuel, light, refrigeration reviewed in the past and in the present.

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## Naval Science

THE NAVAL CALENDAR—E. C. Talbot-Booth—*Appleton-Century*, 272 p., \$2.50. Up-to-date information about all fighting ships now in commission or building, compacted into a little book small enough to slip into a coat pocket. Less discussion than in *Jane's* or *Brassey's*, and of course smaller pictures; but essential data, so far as they are known, are all given.

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## General Science—Sociology

MONEY TO BURN—Horace Coon—*Longmans, Green*, 352 p., \$3. Philanthropy on a large scale is a distinctly American development. The great foundations have a tremendous effect upon the progress of science and education. This study of present-day endowments raises many questions of public as well as professional interest. Chapters are devoted to "Dollars Advance Science" and "Public Health and Private Philanthropy."

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## Political Science

GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY—Charles F. Phillips and J. V. Garland—*Wilson*, 404 p., \$2. First of a series to be known as the Contemporary Social Problems Discussion Series, this volume is written by the assistant professor of economics and the director of debate at Colgate University.

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## Economics

CAPITAL, CONSUMPTION AND ADJUSTMENT—Solomon Fabricant—*National Bureau of Economic Research*, 271 p., \$2.75. Covering the period since 1918 in the United States, this is related to the other National Bureau's studies.

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## Political Science

EQUALITY AND THE LAW—Louis A. Warsoff—*Liveright*, 324 p., \$3. To the constitutional lawyer at least all men can be considered equal. This is a thorough study of the history, uses and abuses of legal equality.

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## Documentation

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, with ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES—Jerome K. Wilcox and A. F. Kuhlman, eds.—*American Library Assn.*, 429 p., planographed, \$5. Papers presented at the 1938 ALA conference.

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