

# • First Glances at New Books

## HYGIENE

**PICTURE OF HEALTH**—James Clarke—*Macmillan*, 125 p., 60 c. Here is one of the clearest and most interesting books about the human body that has come across this reviewer's desk in a long, long time. Without resorting to jazzy style or sugar-coating, the author presents the facts about how the body is built and how it works, and lets these facts tell their own exciting story. That the book reads like an exciting story is tribute to the author's skill in writing clearly and simply about subjects the layman generally considers complicated and mysterious.

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## MEDICINE

**TWELVE AGAINST ALCOHOL**—Herbert Ludwig Nossen—*Harrison-Hilton*, 246 p., \$2.50. Twelve patients under treatment for alcoholism tell their life histories, particularly experiences leading to alcoholism.

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## CHILD STUDY

**TEACH YOURSELF CHILD CARE**—Harry S. Reynolds—*Fortuny's*, 154 p., \$1. The information in this book is given in the form of questions asked by mothers and the answers of the doctor.

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## MEDICINE

**CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS**—Douglas P. Murphy—*University of Penn. Press*, 98 p., \$2. This volume, for medical scientists, reports a "study of parental characteristics with special reference to the reproductive process."

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## LIBRARY SCIENCE

**BOOKLIST BOOKS, 1939**—*American Library Assn.*, 59 p., 75c.; 10 or more, 65c. each. The A. L. A.'s valuable annual selection of books, chosen by proved usefulness in libraries.

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## REFERENCE—TECHNOLOGY

**DICTIONARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS** (3rd. ed.)—Frederic S. Crispin—*Bruce (Milwaukee)*, 324 p., \$2.25.

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE

**SCIENCE AND POLITICS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD**—Benjamin Farrington—*Oxford Univ. Press*, 243 p., \$2.50. A study of obstacles to the spread of scientific outlook in Greece and Rome. Political expediency

hampered and thwarted the spirit of early scientific inquiry, this British scholar shows. Seeing democracies now at the cross-roads, he predicts: "Either we must base our civilization more thoroughly on scientific foundations, or we must destroy science itself."

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## ARCHAEOLOGY

**THE PREHISTORY OF UGANDA PROTECTORATE**—T. P. O'Brien—*Cambridge (Macmillan)*, 318 p., \$7.50. Discarding climate changes as a basis for dating East African prehistoric culture, the writer finds geology a sounder guide to classifying deposits. The outstanding conclusion which he emphasizes as emerging during his study of the region is that African Stone Age Man achieved his own, essentially African culture: archaeologists cannot expect to solve African archaeology by European comparisons.

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## SOCIOLOGY—PSYCHOLOGY

**MODERN MARRIAGE**—Moses Jung, ed.—*Crofts*, 420 p., \$3.75. Twenty authorities join in a frank and complete discussion of the major aspects of marriage with emphasis on the ethical and aesthetic implications of the marriage relationship. The book is an outgrowth of the modern marriage course offered for the past six years at the State University of Iowa.

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## BIOLOGY

**EVERYDAY BIOLOGY**—Francis D. Curtis, Otis W. Caldwell and Nina Henry Sherman—*Ginn*, 698 p., \$1.92. An unusually well thought out general biology text for high schools, with illustrations calculated to make the ideas stick. (See page 335.)

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## CHEMISTRY

**RUBBER LATEX**—Henry P. Stevens and W. H. Stevens—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 223 p., \$2. This monograph gives the best collection of facts on rubber latex which are probably to be found in any book.

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## CHEMISTRY

**GENERAL COLLEGE CHEMISTRY**—Leon B. Richardson and Andrew J. Scarlett—*Holt*, 683 p., \$3.75. The first course in chemistry as taught at Dartmouth College. This book constitutes the second revision (third writing) of Richardson's general chemistry.

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## AERONAUTICS

**FLIGHT WITHOUT POWER, The Art of Gliding and Soaring**—Lewin B. Barringer—*Pitman*, 251 p., \$3.50. Six outstanding glider authorities have contributed to this excellent book on glider flying. Aerodynamics, types of gliders, design and construction, methods of launching gliders, instruments, flight training and soaring technique illustrate the scope of the book.

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## CRIMINOLOGY

**INTELLIGENCE AND CRIME, A Study of Penitentiary and Reformatory Offenders**—Simon H. Tulchin—*University of Chicago Press*, 166 p., \$2. Criminals, like the rest of us, are most likely to have average intelligence. But among those guilty of fraud, a smaller percentage have inferior minds than among those guilty of murder or sex crimes.

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## ECONOMICS

**MODERN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS**—Albert L. Meyers—*Prentice-Hall*, 311 p., \$2.50. The preface to this textbook reminds one of the radio announcements accompanying, these days, political speeches and news commentaries from Europe. "All expressions of opinion," declares the author, "are my own and in no way reflect the official attitude of the United States Department of Agriculture."

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## CHEMISTRY

**THE CHEMISTS' YEAR BOOK, 1940**—Founded by F. W. Atack; edited by E. Hope—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 1257 p., \$6. This new edition of the British chemical handbook has a content equivalent to the American Handbook of Chemistry and Physics. It is handy in size.

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## PSYCHOLOGY

**A STUDY OF JEALOUSY AS DIFFERENTIATED FROM ENVY**—T. M. Ankles—*Bruce Humphries*, 109 p., \$2. An American edition of an English work written from the psychiatric viewpoint. The author, who sees jealousy as an infantile reaction to an adult situation, offers a method for eradicating this destroyer of human peace and happiness.

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## BIOLOGY

**LIVING LIGHT**—E. Newton Harvey—*Princeton Univ. Press*, 344 p., \$4. (See page 334.)

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