

• First Glances at New Books

GENERAL SCIENCE

SCIENCE PICTURE PARADE—Watson Davis—*Duell, Sloan and Pearce*, 327 p., \$3. By the Director of Science Service, this striking picture-book of science comprises several hundred of the vivid and beautiful illustrations that have appeared on the covers and in the pages of THE SCIENCE NEWS LETTER, together with vivid explanatory captions and chatty chapters of accompanying comment. If you have liked our magazine, you will perforce like our new book.

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BIOLOGY

ADVENTURES IN BIOLOGY (2d ed.)—Julius Schwartz and others—*New York Assoc. of Biology Teachers*, 101 p., 50c. A book of 265 tested projects for high school biology students, ranging from simple and brief to moderately difficult and of considerable duration. Most of them are planned for practicable execution under urban conditions.

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BACTERIOLOGY

FUNDAMENTALS OF BACTERIOLOGY (2d ed., rev.)—Martin Frobisher, Jr.—*Saunders*, 653 p., illus., \$4. New edition of a successful text in bacteriology, by a member of the Johns Hopkins University faculty.

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METEOROLOGY

RAIN OF SHINE, The story of Weather—Marian E. Baer—*Farrar & Rinehart*, 292 p., \$2. The story of the weather, made the more vivid by taking the reader to look at it from the viewpoints of Byrd in the Antarctic, Father Hubbard flying over Aniackchak, the four hardy Russian adventurers on the ice floe, a stratosphere flight, etc. The mixture of narrative and exposition proves to be a very effective technique.

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ANTHROPOLOGY

THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW-WAYS OF THE COMANCHE INDIANS—E. Adamson Hoebel—*Amer. Anthropological Assn.*, 149 p., \$1.50. See page 201.

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BIOLOGY

INTERMEDIATE BIOLOGY — W. F. Wheeler—*Chem. Pub. Co.*, 530 p., illus., \$6. A textbook for college use, by a well-grounded English author. Considerably more attention is given to animals than

to plants, so that the book would seem to be particularly adapted for pre-medical courses.

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MEDICINE

PROGRESS IN MEDICINE—Iago Galdston—*Knopf*, 361 p., \$3. Dr. Galdston pays his readers the compliment of assuming that they are interested not only in the dramatic chapters of medical history but also in the progress made through less exciting but equally important day-by-day search for and application of new knowledge about the human body in health and disease.

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PUBLIC HEALTH—ENTOMOLOGY

MOSQUITO CONTROL, Practical Methods for Abatement of Disease Vectors and Pests—William Brodbeck Herms and Harold Farnsworth Gray — *Commonwealth Fund*, 317 p., \$3.50. There are as many problems in mosquito control as there are species of mosquitoes and types of breeding terrain. In bringing the gist of thousands of separate researches into one well-digested, well-arranged volume, the authors have made a distinct contribution in the field of public health, and to harassed humanity in general.

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MINERALOGY—GEOLOGY

COAL, Its Properties, Analysis, Classification, Geology, Extraction, Uses and Distribution (2d ed.)—Elwood S. Moore—*Wiley*, 473 p., illus., \$6. Geologists, fuel technologists and many others will welcome this new edition of a standard work on a highly important mineral. During the 19 years that have elapsed since the publication of the first edition many advances have been made both in the knowledge and in the handling of coal, which are now duly incorporated into the text.

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ENTOMOLOGY

AN INTRODUCTION TO ENTOMOLOGY (9th ed., rev.)—John Henry Comstock—*Comstock*, 1064 p., illus., \$5. One of the solid standbys of entomology, brought thoroughly up to date. Because of the increasing importance of biological control of insect pests, considerable new material has been added on the hymenopterous groups most important in this work.

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MEDICINE

THE CHINESE WAY IN MEDICINE—Edward H. Hume—*Johns Hopkins Press*, 189 p., \$2.25. This book not only describes the strange features of Chinese medicine, in which jade, pearls and dragons figure as healing aids, but also explains the contributions Chinese medicine has made along the lines of modern scientific medicine.

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FORESTRY

TREES — Samuel Rawlins Stevens — *Cecil Baugh Co., Dallas*, 201 p., illus., \$3. Trees, appreciatively looked at by a man who has lived among them and loved them all his life. They are regarded from the viewpoint of their usefulness, whether as sawed lumber or on their own roots, as direct contributors to human comfort and enjoyment.

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MEDICINE

MEDICAL WORK OF THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALERS OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM—Edgar Erskine Hume—*Johns Hopkins Press*, 371 p., illus., \$3. First comprehensive account in English of the medical work performed through the centuries by the Knights of Saint John.

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ANATOMY—PHYSIOLOGY

YOUR OWN TRUE STORY—Berl Ben Meyr—*Caxton Printers*, 232 p., illus., \$3. Anatomy and physiology for teen-age readers written simply but in a style that will not outrage their feelings of being too grown-up for children's books.

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MEDICINE

MANUAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LIST OF CAUSES OF DEATH AS ADOPTED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES. MANUAL OF JOINT CAUSES OF DEATH (4th ed.)—Prepared under the supervision of Halbert L. Dunn—*Govt. Print. Office*, 445 p., \$1.25. (Bureau of the Census.)

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ZOOLOGY—TRAVEL

THE NEW NOAH'S ARK—André Demaison; translated by Eric Sutton—*Macmillan*, 294 p., \$2.50. An adventurous young Frenchman tells how he sailed a little schooner along the coast of Africa, collecting animals—a sort of Trader Horn of the tropic seas.

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