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• Books of the Week •

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ARCHAEOLOGY OF NORTHWESTERN VENEZUELA—Alfred Kidder, II—*Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology*, 178 p., paper, illus., \$3.75. (Papers of the Museum, vol. XXVI, No. 1.)

A DIPPER FULL OF STARS, A Beginner's Guide to the Heavens—Lou Williams—*Follett*, 170 p., illus., \$2.

BRAZIL ON THE MARCH—A Study in International Cooperation—Morris Llewellyn Cooke—*McGraw*, 303 p., illus., \$3.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING PLANT DESIGN—Frank C. Vilbrandt—*McGraw*, 452 p., illus., \$5, 2nd ed.

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FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN AMERICAN LIFE—David F. Bowers—*Princeton Univ. Press*, 254 p., illus., \$3.

FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN MODERN LIFE—Monroe M. Offner—*Blakiston*, 408 p., illus., 69c.

AN INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH—Harry S. Mustard—*Macmillan*, 283 p., \$3.25, 2nd ed.

INVESTIGATIONS IN EROSION CONTROL AND RECLAMATION OF ERODED LAND AT THE CENTRAL PIEDMONT CONSERVATION EXPERIMENT STATION, STATESVILLE, N. C., 1930-40—T. L. Copley and others—*Gov. Print. Off.*, 66 p., paper, illus., 15c. (U. S. Dept. of Agric., Soil Conservation Service, Tech Bull., No. 873.)

LABORATORY MANUAL FOR GENERAL ZOOLOGY—Tracy I. Storer—*McGraw*, 150 p., illus., \$1.25.

THE MATHEMATICS OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY—Henry Margenau and George

Moseley Murphy—*Van Nostrand*, 588 p., \$6.50.

NAVAHO WITCHCRAFT—Clyde Kluckhohn—*Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology*, 149 p., paper, \$2.25. (Papers of the Museum, vol. XXII, No. 2.)

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THE SCHOLAR AND THE FUTURE OF THE RESEARCH LIBRARY—Fremont Rider—*Hadham Press*, 236 p., illus., \$4.

SMITHSONIAN PYRHELIOMETRY AND THE ANDEAN VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS OF APRIL 1932—L. B. Aldrich—*Smithsonian Institution*, 5 p., paper, 5c, (Smithsonian Misc. Collections, vol. 104, No. 6).

TABER'S DICTIONARY OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS—Clarence Wilbur Taber—*F. A. Davis Co.*, \$3.50.

TERNARY SYSTEMS—INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY OF THREE COMPONENT SYSTEMS—G. Masing—*Reinhold*, 173 p., illus., \$4.50.

TRAVELERS ALL, The Story of How Plants Go Places—Irma E. Webber—*Scott, W. R.*, \$1.25. Basic facts in colorful fashion, for children.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Deaths in Large Cities Show Big Increase

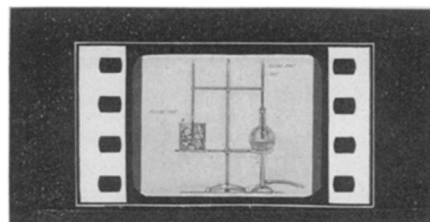
➤ DEATHS in 92 large cities of the United States increased from 8,347 the week of Oct. 14 to 8,982 the week ending Oct. 21, according to figures reported to the U. S. Census Bureau. Cause of

this large increase, which is also considerably above the three-year average of 8,371 deaths for this particular week, is not known, since only total figures are included in the weekly telegraphic reports from the cities. Reports of deaths by specific causes come in later.

A slight increase in infantile paralysis cases brought the total up to 711 for the week ending Oct. 21, the U. S. Public Health Service reports. Massachusetts and New York City and State had the chief increases. With the epidemic dying out so slowly and 16,855 cases reported so far this year, health authorities believe the total for the year will come close to 20,000.

The year 1944 is also expected to be a record year for cases of endemic typhus fever. Less serious than the European variety of typhus fever, the endemic type in this country is spread by rat fleas and is a considerable health problem in the South. Total number of cases this year have passed the 4,000 mark. Last year, with the largest number of cases reported for any previous year, there were 3,479.

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