

# Books of the Week

► **BANDAGING CUT FINGERS** or more serious injuries will be easy for the layman who learns the art from the excellent illustrations and clear directions in **TECHNIQUE OF BANDAGING AND SPLINTING**, by Maj. Arthur M. Tunick, M.C., AUS, (*Essential Books*, \$3), although the author indicates that medical students and nurses also need a handbook of this type.

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► **MAKE YOUR OWN** wind tunnel, radial engine model and demonstrate ice formation on aircraft by following simple directions given in **DEMONSTRATIONS AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCES IN THE SCIENCE OF AERONAUTICS**, prepared by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the American Council of Education (*McGraw*, \$2). For teachers and students in aeronautics, this manual gives illustrated, step by step instructions on how to perform 68 aviation demonstrations using inexpensive, simple, and easily available materials and supplies. Demonstrations cover aerodynamics, power plants, meteorology, navigation, communications and other fields.

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► **IN A TECHNICAL** book for students and engineers, **ADSORPTION**, by C. L. Mantell, a successful attempt has been made to correlate the practical, commercial, and engineering aspects of this important subject. The author had the help of a considerable number of men, including plant operators, material processors, and equipment producers. (*McGraw*, \$4.50.)

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► **THE HOME** workshop, and how to make things for the home in wood and metal, are discussed in readable terms in **IT'S FUN TO MAKE IT YOURSELF**, edited by Stacey Maney. Many hundreds of illustrations and working drawings are included. (*Journal of Living Publishing Corporation*, \$2.95.)

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► **A VAST** amount of valuable and timely information about the thousands of islands in the Pacific is contained in the **PACIFIC ISLANDS HANDBOOK, 1944**, by R. W. Robson. It covers matters having to do with administration, anthropology, populations, his-

tory, resources, health and industries. It is an American edition of the **PACIFIC ISLANDS YEARBOOK** published in Australia from 1932 to 1942. (*Macmillan*, \$4.)

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► **TWO CENTURIES** of the development of the American iron industry into the steel industry, from the colonial iron furnace at Principio, Md., to the great steel mills of Wheeling, West Virginia, are interestingly reviewed in **PRINCIPIO TO WHEELING, A PAGEANT OF IRON AND STEEL**, by Earl Chapin May. The well-illustrated book is intended for the layman. (*Harpers*, \$3.)

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## Just Off the Press

**AMERICAN PLANNING AND CIVIC ANNUAL**, Harlean James, ed.—*Amer. Planning and Civic Assn.*, 178 p., illus., \$3. A record of recent civic advance in the fields of planning, parks, housing, neighborhood improvement and conservation of national resources, including the addresses delivered at the Citizens Conference on Planning, held on the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the American Civic Association at St. Louis, Missouri, on June 14, 15, 16, 1944.

**BIOMETRICS BULLETIN**, vol. 1, no. 1—*The Biometrics Section, American Statistical Assn.*, 12 p., single copies, 60c; annual subscription, \$3. The first issue of a new magazine. Published 6 times a year.

**THE CHEMISTRY OF ACETYLENE**—Julius A. Nieuwland and Richard R. Vogt.—*Reinhold*, 219 p., illus., \$4.

**OF LIFE AND LOVE**—Emil Ludwig—*Philosophical Lib., Inc.*, 208 p., \$3.

**THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION**, a Review for 1944—Raymond B. Fosdick—*The Rockefeller Foundation*, 63 p., paper, illus., free.

**SARGENTIA**, no. 5, **FRAGMENTA PAPUANA (OBSERVATIONS OF A NATURALIST IN NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA)**—H. J. Lam—*Arnold Arboretum of Harvard Univ.*, 196 p., paper, illus., \$3.

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### SOCIOLOGY

## Try, Try Again Is Sign Of Social Development

► **WHETHER** a person wants to try again to do something in which he has failed or prefers to repeat a task he has already done successfully may indicate his stage of social development, Dr. Saul Rosenzweig of Western State Psychiatric Hospital states. (*Journal of Genetic Psychology*, March)

Normally, children under seven years of age prefer to repeat success, while those over 11 like to have another try at things at which they have failed, pre-

sumably to vindicate themselves, Dr. Rosenzweig found. Children between these ages vary according to their individual personality.

But adults, if they are mentally ill or maladjusted also tend to prefer to repeat only those tasks in which they have already succeeded.

When Dr. Rosenzweig tested 45 soldiers with various mental disorders, he found that about one-third resembled young children in their lack of drive toward self-vindication.

The tasks used in the test were simple puzzles. The subjects were allowed to complete one but not the other puzzle, and then given the choice of which, if either, they would prefer to repeat.

Of a group of 70 normal Worcester school boys and girls, between the ages of four and 14, slightly more than half preferred the successful puzzle. The average age of those who wanted to repeat their previous successful experience was seven years; 11 was the mean age of the group who wanted to justify themselves. Some weren't interested in trying either again.

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