

# Books of the Week

**AIRPORTS:** Design, Construction and Management—Horace Glidden, Hervey Law, and John Cowles—*McGraw-Hill*, 583 p., illus., diags., tables and graphs, \$7. Here is a book covering all aspects of airport design, construction, and management, to give the student a sound, accurate knowledge of each of the component parts of an airport, the requirements and factors involved in its location and design, and the basic principles underlying its functional operation and management.

**BLUE ANGELS AND WHALES**—Robert Gibbings—*Dutton*, 153 p., illus., \$3. This book is an enchanting excursion in warmer and exotic waters near Bermuda. The author describes and illustrates fish that swim on their heads, and others that swim backwards, with false-faces to complete the illusion. Every nook of coral architecture seems to have its amazing inhabitant, armed with some cunning trick that enables it to survive.

**EDUCATION:** America's Magic—Raymond M. Hughes and William H. Lancelot—*Iowa State College Press*, 189 p., maps and tables, \$2.50. A book that discusses the progress and problems of universal education in the 48 states.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PSYCHOLOGY**—Edited by Philip L. Harriman and written by many contributors—*Philosophical Library*, 897 p., illus., tables, charts, and graphs, \$10. This volume presents to the student, as well as to the intelligent layman, an up-to-date and complete survey of all the major issues and concepts in the field of psychology.

**GOATS AND KIDS**—*Encyclopaedia Britannica Press*, 40 p., illus., 50 cents. The extraordinary shots in this book not only reveal the unusual life of the goats, but tell in full page photos of the adventures of two kids who continue to escape from their pen. *Encyclopaedia Britannica True Nature Series*, Book 9.

**GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION:** 1943 and 1944 Reports of the Secretary and of the Treasurer—*Guggenheim Memorial Foundation*, 384 p. An impressive record of the work of a great institution in providing through fellowship for the future intellectual and artistic leadership of mankind.

**KAPUTT**—Curzio Malaparte—*Dutton*, 407 p., \$3.75. The story is a remarkable panorama of the moral and physical disintegration of modern Europe. All phases of life in a decadent society under the impact of Nazi domination are vividly illuminated.

**MEN AGAINST CRIME**—John J. Floherty—*Lippincott*, 255 p., illus., \$2.50. This book contains a brief history of the development of the Treasury Department, as the country developed. There is a special chapter on qualifications for the secret services in many branches and one on the lie detector and its use.

**METALLURGY**—Carl G. Johnson—*American Technical Society*, 418 p., illus., diags., and charts, \$5. This textbook presents in a simple manner some of the available

knowledge concerning the manufacture and behavior of the many metals and alloys in use in our modern civilization.

**THE OPERCULATE LAND MOLLUSKS OF THE FAMILY ANNULARIIDAE OF THE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA AND THE BAHAMA ARCHIPELAGO**—Paul Bartsch—*U. S. Printing Office*, 264 p., tables and plates, 75 cents. *U. S. National Museum Bulletin* 192.

**PRAIRIE WINGS:** Pen and Camera Flight Studies—Edgar M. Queeny with explana-

tory sketches by Richard E. Bishop—*Ducks Unlimited, Inc.*, 256 p., diags. and illus., \$15.

**THEIR MOTHER'S SONS**—Edward Strecker, M.D.—*Lippincott*, 220 p., \$2.75. This is a book about Mother, the great American "Mom" and what she is doing to the young men of America. In its pages a psychiatrist describes a new American tragedy—the millions of young men in this country today who live in confusion and emotional chaos condemned by millions of well-meaning and unthinking "Moms" who will not cut the apron strings between them and their sons.

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## SPINOZA

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By RUDOLF KAYSER

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ALBERT EINSTEIN

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