

## FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

**CHILDBIRTH**—William George Lee—*University of Chicago Press*. A surprising amount of the force and energy of the author's personal conviction of the need for good obstetrics has gone into this new and needed textbook on the universal process of birth. Unremitting care, minute observation, thorough technique and balanced judgment are the points Dr. Lee would drive home to students who would enter this much taken-for-granted field of medicine. Nothing could be more damning than the biting indictment, "early neglect," contained in his directions for procedures in acute cases where needless suffering has been caused by lack of proper oversight.

*Medicine*  
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**NATURAL HISTORY: ANIMALS**—George Jennison—*Macmillan* (\$4.50) Since the old Cambridge Natural History nothing so complete and authoritative on the mammals has appeared. Its information is concise, yet covers all essential points. Its popular appeal is much enhanced by the numerous illustrations; every species discussed has its photograph, and there are in addition sixteen beautiful colored plates.

*Zoology*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**PREDATORY AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**—Milton P. Skinner—*Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin*. A survey of the wild life of the area that is the oldest and greatest of our national game preserves as well as the oldest and greatest of our national parks. The author disagrees with the policy of complete extermination practiced against some of the predatory animals.

*Zoology*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**THE BEAVER IN THE ADIRONDACKS**—Charles Eugene Johnson—*Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin*. The return of the wild beaver, the rise of beaver "farming," the defense of this interesting animal against detractors, and a general discussion of its biology and ecology, are concisely but adequately set forth.

*Zoology*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS**—Willard L. Thorn—*Macmillan* (\$1.50). A brief survey of our institutions, and the methods that have been used, and proposed, of dealing with them.

*Sociology*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**A GUIDE TO THE CONSTELLATIONS**—Samuel G. Barton and William H. Barton—*McGraw-Hill* (\$2.50). Astronomers, teachers and students have long recognized the need for a thorough and up-to-date book on the constellations to serve as a guide to what can be seen in them with the naked eye. In this book they will find what they have sought. The charts, which are particularly well printed, show the aspect of the heavens at monthly intervals. Since the authors have made allowance for atmospheric absorption near the horizon, they only show what can actually be seen. The text is complete, yet concise, and a copious index makes it easy for the student of the stars to find the answer to most of his questions.

*Astronomy*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**1001 CELESTIAL WONDERS**—Charles Edward Barns—*Pacific Science Press* (Morgan Hill, Cal.) (\$2.50). This is easily the best available guide book to the heavenly sights that are within the reach of a small telescope. But more than that, it contains full directions for the construction and use of telescopes, both reflecting and refracting, illustrations reproducing some of the finest pictures of celestial objects, and all sorts of interesting astronomical information. The book is unique because the author has set up the type himself at the case, and personally printed it, so that from every angle it reflects his individuality.

*Astronomy*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**A TROUT SURVEY OF ALLEGANY STATE PARK**—William C. Kendall and Wilford A. Dence—*Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin*. A detailed examination of the fish life in one of the most noted of American State Parks.

*Ichthyology*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**COLLOID SYMPOSIUM MONOGRAPH**—Edited by Harry Boyer Weiser—*Chemical Catalog* (\$6.50). Papers presented at the fifth national symposium on colloid chemistry at the University of Michigan in June, 1927; thereby constituting the latest news in its field, which all chemists are bound to desire.

*Chemistry*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**THE POINT OF VIEW**—Edited by Catherine Cook—*Open Court* (\$2.50). An anthology of religion and philosophy selected from the works of Paul Carus.

*Philosophy*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**TIGERS, GOLD, AND WITCH-DOCTORS**—Bassett Digby—*Harcourt, Brace* (\$3.50). Strange beings and doings in central Siberia, with notes on things like them sometimes found in the *Abendland*. No academic formality is observed in the arrangement of material, but ethnology, geography, natural history and all sorts of other things are all mixed up together in a most meaty pot pie.

*Travel*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**HEATING AND LIGHTING UTENSILS IN THE U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM**—By Walter Hough—*Smithsonian Inst. Bull. 141—Government Printing Office*. A thoroughly interesting government bulletin describing the thousand or more specimens in the museum collection. Antique hounds will take great joy in the numerous plates of candlesticks, molds, snuffers, old lamps and what not.

*Archæology*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**FIRST REPORT OF THE PREHISTORIC SURVEY EXPEDITION**—K. S. Sandford and W. J. Arkell—*Univ. of Chicago Press* (\$1). The first comprehensive survey of prehistoric man's development in Egypt. Mr. Sandford reports finding different types of stone implements in the terraced banks of the Nile, and these tools and weapons of the prehistoric Egyptians indicate a progress of culture quite similar to man's development in Europe. In view of the changes in the River Nile and its valley since the earliest of the flints were cast aside by primitive men, the conclusion is reached that man's existence in Egypt goes back to a time of very great antiquity.

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*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**FOREST FIRES IN MINNESOTA**—J. A. Mitchell—*Forest Service, State of Minnesota*. This booklet attacks the forest fire problem from a multitude of angles. It might well serve as a model for similar surveys in other states.

*Forestry*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*

**AMERICAN PROSPERITY**—Paul M. Mazur—*Viking Press* (\$2.50). A study of the economic forces which have given the United States a larger income than any other country ever enjoyed. Free from statistics and technicalities. Useful equally to economists and business men.

*Economics*  
*Science News-Letter, March 24, 1928*