

## FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

**YOUR NERVES AND THEIR CONTROL**—Foster Kennedy and Lewis Stevenson—*Appleton* (\$1.50). This book seeks to allay the impressions, spread by careless followers of Freud, that sex complexes, repressions and such factors are the causes of all nervous ailments. For those who like to use scientific terms and delight in diagrams, there is an accurate explanation of the structure of a single nerve, the brain and the nervous system, with easily understood illustrations. This serves as a basis for the exposition of the organic cause of nervous diseases which is the main feature of the book.

*Neurology*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**CANCER**—Albert Soiland—*Appleton* (\$1.50). Most important for successful treatment of cancer is the early recognition and report of the disease. Failure in this essential factor is largely due to fear and ignorance on the part of the public. This book gives in simple language the important facts of the cause, symptoms and treatment of the disease with a valuable chapter warning against quackery and fake cures.

Dr. Soiland's sane, frank discussion should do much to allay the fear of cancer, which, he says, "is inestimably worse than cancer itself."

*Medicine*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**SYPHILIS**—Henry H. Hazen—*Mosby* (\$10). Dr. Hazen, who is a recognized authority on the subject, has written a textbook sufficiently compact and lucid to be valuable to health and social workers and laboratory technicians as well as physicians and medical students. The economic and social aspects of the disease are discussed in the introductory chapter. Each chapter has a copious bibliography, brought up to date for this, the second edition. The chapters on Occurrence and Economic importance, Syphilis of the Nervous system, Diagnosis, Prophylaxis and Treatment have been entirely rewritten. The book is profusely illustrated.

*Medicine*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**HOUDINI**—Harold Kellock—*Harcourt, Brace* (\$3.75). A fascinating account of the life of one of the greatest of modern magicians.

*Psychology*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**A TALE OF SOAP AND WATER**—Grace T. Hallock—*Cleanliness Institute* (45 East 17th Street, New York). This booklet giving "the historical progress of cleanliness" is intended for supplementary reading in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, and will be provided free to a limited number of schools. It is admirably adapted to give children the historical perspective of a practice which they are accustomed to take for granted, however little they are inclined to employ it.

*Hygiene*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**SOIL HANDBOOK**—F. L. LaMotte—*LaMotte Chemical Products Co.* (With soil testkit and color chart, \$1.50). How to grow grass on bald lawns or golf courses and how to make vegetables happy where heretofore they have had too much acidity in their food is told in this instruction book accompanying a simple outfit for testing the hydrogen ion concentration of soil, or, in other words, the degree of acidity or alkalinity.

*Agriculture*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**HEALTH WORK IN SOVIET RUSSIA**—Anna J. Haines—*Vanguard Press* (50 cents).

**NEW SCHOOLS IN NEW RUSSIA**—Lucy L. W. Wilson—*Vanguard Press* (50 cents). Interesting details of the methods in education and health work are given by competent eye witnesses. The volumes are small but comprehensive. They should appeal, not only to educators and health workers, but to all readers interested in the actual facts of existence in Russia today. Education and health are subjects of international scope and are, or should be, beyond political prejudice, is the thought that prompted the books.

*Education*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**A TEXTBOOK OF ACTINOTHERAPY**—D. D. Rosewarne—*Mosby* (\$4). This book, written for practitioners and students, gives a detailed exposition of the physical, chemical and biological action of light as a basis for the description of clinical procedures. The author warns against the tendency of specialists to exaggerate the importance of their particular departments of medicine and states definitely that "actinotherapy is not a cure for all ills."

*Medicine*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**MY PEOPLE THE SIOUX**—Luther Standing Bear—*Houghton*. The son of Chief Standing Bear the First describes memories of a crowded and adventurous lifetime. The purpose of the book is to make clear to the white man how the Sioux lived and how they felt about the white men, and how they adapted themselves to the changes that crept in as the white men invaded their country. There is an abundance of realistic detail in Chief Standing Bear's autobiography which makes the Indian life seem remarkably vivid.

*Ethnology*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**THE UNCONSCIOUS**—Edited by Mrs. W. F. Dummer—*Knopf*. "The Unconscious of the Behaviorist" suggests the incongruous combinations of Freud and John Watson. It is, in fact, the title of a chapter in this symposium by Dr. Watson in which he explains the unconscious as the un verbalized part of a human being's world. The entire collection of papers is rather different from the material usually gathered into a book dealing with the unconscious. John E. Anderson discusses the earliest reactions of the young child and how they may be utilized. Marion E. Kenworthy writes on "The Prenatal and Early Postnatal Phenomena of Consciousness," and there are chapters by C. M. Child, Kurt Koffka, Edward Sapiro, W. I. Thomas, F. L. Wells, and William A. White. The papers were originally presented at a symposium under the auspices of the Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene.

*Psychology*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**HOW TO STUDY EFFECTIVELY**—Guy M. Whipple—*Public School Pub. Co.* Real first aid to the high school or college student. The entire 96 pages of the tiny book are devoted to rules and practical suggestions, showing exactly how to proceed when studying for recitations or examinations and how best to learn while in the classroom. The fact that this is a second edition and that the first edition went into eight printings is worth noting.

*Psychology*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*

**SIX MONTHS OF FLYING FOR BUSINESS**—*A. W. Shaw Co.* An experiment in using an airplane for business travel described in a pamphlet.

*Aviation*

*Science News-Letter, June 30, 1928*