

## FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

THE BEAVER IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, and NOTES ON THE BEAVER IN ESTES PARK, COLORADO—Edward R. Warren—*Roosevelt Wild Life Forest Experiment Station* (\$2.50). Mr. Warren has merited the approval and thanks of all naturalists interested in the ways of the beaver by his intimate and exhaustive study of their work in two easily accessible and well-protected areas in the West. The volume containing these two papers constitutes Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2 of a new series of publications, *Roosevelt Wild Life Annals*, which will provide for papers whose length and technical nature take them outside the scope of the *Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin*. Subscription to the *Annals* will be at the rate of \$5 per volume of four numbers, or \$1.25 for a single number.

*Mammalogy*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

OUR WILD ANIMALS—Edwin Lincoln Moseley—*Appleton* (\$1.75). A guide to the common wild animals of America.

*Zoology*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

THE INDIANA SAND DUNES AND SHORE LINES OF THE LAKE MICHIGAN BASIN—George B. Cressey—*Univ. of Chicago* (\$2). A comprehensive survey of the geology and geography of one of the most unique and interesting dune areas in the world, attractively presented and excellently illustrated.

*Geology-Geography*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

KEEPING YOUNG AFTER FORTY—Eugene R. Whitmore—*Appleton* (\$1.50). Excellent advice for those who want to stay efficient though forty or forty plus. No elixir of youth but sound common sense.

*Hygiene*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF STARCH CHEMISTRY—Robert P. Walton—*Chemical Catalog* (\$10). The first volume of a symposium that is intended to present the various phases of starch chemistry and technology.

*Chemistry*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

LABORATORY GLASS BLOWING—F. C. Frary, C. S. Taylor and J. D. Edwards—*McGraw-Hill* (\$1.50). A new and enlarged edition of this useful book that has a place in every laboratory. It tells all the approved methods for the usual kinds of manipulation of glass that are so often required.

*Chemistry-Physics*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

HARDY EVERGREENS—Frank A. Schrepfer—*Orange Judd* (\$1.25). The growing vogue for small ornamental conifers makes a yard look incomplete without at least a few of them, but woe to the man who plants the wrong kind, or puts his trees in the wrong place, or fails to learn wherein they demand different treatment from deciduous trees and shrubs. This book guides one safely out of these and other pitfalls.

*Horticulture*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS—Clark L. Thayer—*Orange Judd* (\$1.25). This small volume tells how to get the best results with bulbs, what kinds to plant and when; it lists and describes the outstanding named varieties; and finally gives hints on how to run a flower show, which is always a lot of fun.

*Horticulture*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

HARDY SHRUBS—Frank A. Waugh—*Orange Judd* (\$1.25). The home owner who wants to spruce his place up and make his house look at home on its lot will do well to consult this little book. It gives the salient facts about the most commonly used and dependable shrubs, and tells how to take care of them.

*Horticulture*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

BUSH FRUIT PRODUCTION—R. A. Van Meter—*Orange Judd* (\$1.25). In brief compass this book tells about the principal bush fruit crops and how to plant and care for them.

*Horticulture*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

SPRING IN THE LITTLE GARDEN—Frances Edge McIlvaine—*Little, Brown* (\$1.75). A charming little book for the owner of a small place. Hardy perennial herbs come in for special attention. The illustrations are above average for this class of books.

*Horticulture*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

PRACTICAL POULTRY FARMING—L. M. Hurd—*Macmillan* (\$3.50). This book, a very worthy addition to the Rural Science Series, compacts into a matter of 400 pages a lot of basic information about the care, feeding, housing, marketing and "doctoring" of poultry. It will be useful either as text for the classroom or as a vade-mecum for the poultryman.

*Animal Husbandry*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

REACHING OTHER MINDS—Davida McCaslin—*Knopf* (\$1.75). This professes to be a text-book for teaching Freshman composition, but one would never suspect it from the looks for it has nothing of the dry, dogmatic and dictatorial air common to the classroom. Miss McCaslin, who is professor of rhetoric in James Millikin University, is evidently more concerned with getting her students to think for themselves than she is with drilling them in the following of the grammatical form of dead authors. She starts all sorts of live questions and then leaves them unsettled—hanging in the air, so to speak, in the hope that some bright boys and girls will be tempted to reach up and grab at them. This would be a disturbing textbook for a teacher who wants to have a quiet time and never be asked any question not already answered.

*Rhetoric*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

GOOD ENGLISH—Virginia C. Bacon—*American Library Association* (\$.35). This volume of the "Reading with a Purpose Series" aims to help those who wish to improve their English both in speaking and writing. The books recommended are: *Grammar to Use*, by William D. Lewis and Helen M. Lynch (Winston); *Correct English Complete Grammar and Drill Book*, by Josephine Turck Baker (Correct English Pub. Co.); *Century Handbook of Writing*, by Garland Greever and Easley S. Jones (Century); *Self-Aids in Essentials of Grammatical Usage*, by L. J. O'Rourke (Educational and Personnel Pub. Co.); *Expressive English*, by James C. Fernald (Funk and Wagnalls).

*Rhetoric*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*

HAVELOCK ELLIS, PHILOSOPHER OF LOVE—Houston Peterson—*Houghton Mifflin* (\$4.50). The book grew from plans and material for a comprehensive essay on Ellis, according to the author. It is not like the modern, semi-fictional biography and the dramatic features of Ellis' life, of which there were plenty, are not played up. The facts are given only as they affected the development of his philosophy. Much of the book is devoted to discussion of Ellis' writings and the events, people and books which influenced them.

*Biography*  
*Science News-Letter, July 28, 1928*