

● First Glances at New Books

Agricultural Economics

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT—Transmitted by C. C. Davis—*Govt. Print. Off.*, xi+393 p., 25c. In this report of the administration of the Agricultural Adjustment Act for the period May, 1933, to February, 1934, Mr. Davis and his aides give an accounting of their stewardship: why they have done what they have done, what they have accomplished, and what they still hope to do. Separate and detailed consideration is given to each of the basic crops on which regulation has been undertaken, and extensive appendices give details of benefit payments, etc., as well as facsimile reproductions of production adjustment contracts.

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Sociology

AN ORIENTAL VIEW OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION—No-Yong Park (Pao)—*Hale, Cushman, and Flint*, 128 p., \$1.50. A Chinese student with a Ph.D. degree from Harvard interestingly weighs the good and bad points of American and Chinese civilizations. His approval is for the happy medium. But he declares for himself that if he had to choose between two extremes—the Oriental's acceptance of things as they are, or the American's dissatisfied "hustling"—he would choose the latter evil. Reading through the book is like spending an hour or so in conversation with this thoughtful, humorous, Chinese student of life—a worth while experience.

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Library Science

REFERENCE BOOKS OF 1931-1933—Isadore G. Mudge assisted by Constance M. Winchell—*American Library Assn.*, 87 p., \$1.25. This third informal supplement to the *Guide to Reference Books* is a useful and necessary tool for any librarian or research worker.

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Parasitology

PLANT PARASITIC NEMATODES AND THE DISEASES THEY CAUSE—T. Goodey—*Dutton*, xx+306 p., \$6.75. Popular conception of danger to plants is almost wholly summed in one sub-phylum of the vegetable kingdom and one of the animal: fungi and insects. Much needed is a focusing of our attention on the many other enemies of our crops, pastures and trees; and not the least among these are the little

thread-like worms of the soil that are the vectors of many known plant diseases and probably of many others as yet undiscovered. In gathering and condensing knowledge of the subject into one solid but convenient text-and-reference book, Dr. Goodey has made not only phytopathology in particular, but also agronomy, horticulture and forestry as well, his debtors.

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Botany

USEFUL WILD PLANTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA—Charles Francis Saunders—*McBride*, 274 p., \$3. A new and revised edition of an interesting book written from a unique viewpoint. It may well be that in appropriating such Indian crops as maize, potato and tobacco, the European invader of the Western World has not yet realized to the full the usefulness of its native flora.

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Conservation

OUTDOOR INDIANA—James H. Vandenberg, editor—*Indiana Dept. of Conservation*, monthly. A new periodical, designed to bring to the attention of Hoosiers, as well as of strangers without their gates, the beauties and resources of the state of Indiana. The first issue, dated February, 1934, concerns itself with such diverse things as erosion control, beekeeping, crow eradication. One highly interesting activity announced here is the drive for the formation of conservation clubs in every community, a movement worthy of emulation in 47 other states.

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Pathology

STUDIES ON HISTOMONIASIS, OR "BLACKHEAD" INFECTION, IN THE CHICKEN AND THE TURKEY—Ernest Edward Tyzzer—*Am. Acad. Arts and Sciences*, 71 p., 6 pl., \$1.75. A reprint from the *Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, summing up the steps in a brilliant conquest of a previously troublesome and highly expensive disease of domestic birds.

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Travel—Archaeology

GREECE AND THE AEGEAN—Ernest A. Gardner—*McBride*, 254 p., \$2.50. A handbook on Greece, ancient and modern but stressing ancient Greek splendors, and designed for the traveler who is eager to see and understand as much as possible of that important country. The author is a British archaeologist, a well-known university teacher of archaeology, and a long-time resident of Greece. From these qualifications and experience he has produced a very helpful and informative work. Several chapters are devoted to Greek islands, the coast of Asia Minor, and Constantinople.

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General Science

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON YEAR BOOK, No. 32, 1932-33—*Carnegie Institution of Washington*, 388 p., paper \$1, cloth \$1.50. As the annual summary of the many and far-flung researches of a great research organization, this year book records some of the most important current progress in science.

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Physics

SOUND—E. Laurence Palmer—*New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University*, 31 p., 20c. How fortunate are the youngsters of today who have such interesting pamphlets as this to guide them in their first steps in science. This is one of the monthly Cornell Rural School Leaflets and it is to be hoped that children in city schools as well will have the opportunity of using it.

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Philosophy

SCIENCE AND SANITY—Alfred Korzybski—*International Non-Aristotelian Library Publishing Co.*, Lancaster Pa., 798 p., \$7. See page 206.

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Chemistry

A FIRST BOOK IN CHEMISTRY—Robert H. Bradbury—*Appleton-Century*, 633 p., \$1.80. A textbook for high school use now in its third edition.

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