

# ● First Glances at New Books

## Agricultural Economics

THE MAINSTAY OF AMERICAN INDIVIDUALISM: A SURVEY OF THE FARM QUESTION—Cassius M. Clay—*Macmillan*, xii+269 p., \$2.50. A lawyer who is also a farm owner tries to think his way through the terrific maze in which American post-war agriculture has found itself, bringing to bear not only a trained man's ability to arrange facts and figures but an average American's natural predilections "fur and ag'in things" as well. A confessed Democrat, when he encounters the alternative which has since come to be known as "Wallace's dilemma," he leans in the same direction as the present Secretary of Agriculture, who was "raised" a Republican. It is a pity that most of the book was written before the present effort toward agrarian amelioration had begun to unfold itself.

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## Education

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION—Fred Engelhardt, William H. Zeigel Jr., and Roy O. Billett—*U. S. Govt. Print. Off.*, 207 p., 15c. What manner of man is the superintendent of schools or the supervisor of high school instruction? This monograph of the National Survey of Secondary Education contains the answer.

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## Physics

ELECTRICITY—John Pilley—*Oxford Univ. Press*, 348 p., \$2.50. A beginners' book which does not claim to be a text for school use. Its aim is to arouse interest in science of electricity by making its logic appear in the clearest possible light. As is usual in British books of this type, there is plenty of good solid material attractively presented for serious reading.

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## Mathematics

THE MATHEMATICS OF FINANCE—Charles N. Hulvey—*Macmillan*, 306 p., \$3. A textbook for students by the associate professor of commerce at the University of Virginia.

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## Endocrinology

OUR MYSTERIOUS LIFE GLANDS AND HOW THEY AFFECT US—William J. Robinson—*Eugenics Publishing Company*, 291 p., \$2.50. The direct forceful style of this book, the short sentences and definite statements will make

it appeal to a wide group of lay readers—to whom it is chiefly addressed. As might be expected from the list of other popular books by this author, the emphasis is on sex. Although Dr. Robinson devotes an entire chapter to the relative unimportance of the gonads or sex glands, fully a quarter of the book is devoted to discussion of them, their functions and abnormalities. It is rather surprising to find a section on vitamins in a book about glands. There is a large glossary of terms as well as a chapter explaining some of the scientific terms used in endocrinology and the book is profusely illustrated.

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## Medicine

MEDICINE—A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY—Josef Löbel—Transl. by L. Marie Sieveking and Ian F. D. Morrow—*Farrar and Rinehart*, 334 p., \$3. The author's idea is that medicine is not merely the art of treating sickness but the science of man as a whole. Consequently in this book he takes up all branches of medical science, giving a cross-section of the whole subject. The result is something quite different from the usual popular books on medicine but nevertheless most readable and interesting.

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## Biology

SYMBIOSE, PARASITISME ET EVOLUTION (ETUDE MATHEMATIQUE)—V. A. Kostitzin—*Hermann et Cie. (Paris)*, 47 p., 15 fr.

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## Archaeology

THE SPADE AND THE BIBLE—W. W. Prescott—*Revell*, 216 p., \$2. An attempt to fit archaeological explorations in Bible lands to a fundamentalist religious viewpoint. In building a case, the author quotes heavily from many works. Most of these are by well known archaeologists and scholars, but some of the authors would be surprised to find the conclusions to which their words are forced to lend support. There are popular accounts of Biblical archaeology which argue less and teach more.

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## Sociology

NAZISM—Edited by Pierre van Paassen and James Waterman Wise—*Harrison Smith & Robert Haas*, 313 p., \$2.50. Of greatest interest to those interested in science are the chapters on *The Debasement of the Professions* by Werner Hegemann, the *Enslavement of Women* by Dr. Alice Hamilton, of the Harvard Medical School, and *The Degradation of Culture* by I. A. Hirschmann. The book is a powerful indictment of the rulers of the Third Reich.

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## Philosophy—General Science

SCIENCE AND GOD—Bernhard Bavink—*Reynal & Hitchcock*, 174 p., \$1.50. The German scientist and philosopher, author of the comprehensive book "The Natural Sciences," summarizes the state of conflict between the material and spiritual schools and as the result asks why should Christianity refuse to make use of the recent revelation of modern science "which God has given us in His nature?" "The theologian," the epilogue of the book says, "no longer needs to fear the presence of scientific literature in the hands of his flock, but may really be glad from the bottom of his heart when they study the wonders of creation, since this study will only make his work easier. For matters are now in such a position that anyone who has understood physics even a little is simply proof against the nonsense of materialism. Such a one will find all the old materialistic arguments, still put forward in proletarian free-thinking circles, to be completely stale doctrine; he will find them ridiculous, and act as a centre of healthy thought for his whole environment."

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## General Science

EVERYDAY SCIENCE—Carleton Estey Preston—*Univ. of North Carolina Press, Bulletin* No. 4, Vol. VIII, 51 p., 50c. An outline for the use of schools and women's clubs. Fifteen meetings are scheduled together with lists of topics and book references.

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