

● First Glances at New Books

Current History

THE MODERN WORLD: A PAGEANT OF TODAY—H. C. Knapp-Fisher—*Dutton*, 447 p., \$2.50. Conversationally, as a good teacher might talk to teen age boys and girls, this book on modern civilization is written. The point of view is British, but although the British empire and its dominions are stressed, five chapters are given to the United States, and in the 50 chapters of the book the author manages to get in discussions of war debts, banking, the depression, the League of Nations and other world problems. There is something to be said in favor of taking a look at the world through the eyes of another country, considering that most books of this sort for young people are rather monotonously "native."

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Chemistry-Physics

REUNION INTERNATIONALE DE CHIMIE-PHYSIQUE, 1933—IX, CONDUCTIBILITE ELECTRIQUE ET THERMIQUE DES METAUX—Léon Brillouin, 71 p., 18 fr.; X, A POLAROGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE ELECTRO-KINETIC PHENOMENA OF ADSORPTION, ELECTRO-REDUCTION AND OVERPOTENTIAL DISPLAYED AT THE DROPPING MERCURY CATHODE—J. Heyrovsky, 48 p., 12 fr.; XI, PHENOMENES PHOTOELECTROCHIMIQUES ACTION DE LA LUMIERE SUR LE POTENTIEL METAL-SOLUTION—René Audubert, 32 p., 8 fr.; XII, LES COLLOIDES ET LA COUCHE DE PASSAGE—A. Gillet et N. Andrault de Langeron, 42 p., 10 fr.; XIII, SUR LE POTENTIEL METAL-SOLUTION DANS LES DISSOLVANTS AUTRES QUE L'EAU—Paul Dutoit, 13 p., 4 fr.; XIV, NOUVEAUX RESULTATS EXPERIMENTAUX SUR L'EFFET ELECTRO-THERMIQUE HOMOGENE—Carl Benedicks, 29 p., 8 fr.; XV, DIE THEORIE DER THERMOELEKTRISCHEN EFFEKTE—Lothar Nordheim, 23 p., 6 fr.; XVI, LA NOTION DE CORPUSCULES ET D'ATOMES—Paul Langevin, 47 p., 12 fr., *Hermann et Cie., Paris*.

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Industrial Chemistry

LAQUE D'INDOCHINE RHUS SUCCEDANEA: LA LACCASE ET LA LACCOL—Georges Brooks—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 98 p., 18 fr.

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Agronomy

THE TROPICAL SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEAD—John C. Gifford—*Books, Inc.*,

Distributed by Univ. of Miami, 158 p., 50c. Approaching his theme with something of the attitude of the crusader as well as that of the agronomist, the author advocates for the poor man in warm regions a sufficiency and self-containment on a little land of his own, planted primarily to tree crops.

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Chemistry

LABORATORY MANUAL—William McPherson, William Edwards Henderson and William Lloyd Evans—*Ginn and Co.*, 165 p., \$1.20. The manual is arranged to accompany the fourth edition of "A Course in General Chemistry."

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Geology

ELEMENTARY EXERCISES IN TOPOGRAPHIC AND STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY—A. K. Lobeck—*Geographical Press, Columbia University*, 31 illustrated exercises on contour maps, hachure maps, geological maps, and on structural problems. Single copies 35 cents, ten or more copies 25 cents each.

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Mathematics

PROGRESSIVE FIRST ALGEBRA—Walter W. Hart—*D. C. Heath*, 408 p., \$1.28.

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Mathematics

PROGRESSIVE SECOND ALGEBRA—Webster Wells and Walter W. Hart—*D. C. Heath*, 298 p., \$1.32.

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Agriculture-Chemistry

III^e CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL TECHNIQUE ET CHIMIQUE DES INDUSTRIES AGRICOLES, 1934, RAPPORTS ET RÉSUMÉS DES COMMUNICATIONS—*Association des Chimistes de Sucrierie et de Distillerie, Paris*.

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Biology

LA CELLULE ET LES PROTOZOAIRES—Georges Bohn—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 121 p., 18 fr.

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Medicine

WHY DIE BEFORE YOUR TIME—*Henry Smith Williams*—*McBride*, 232 p., \$2. The author believes firmly that most people "dig their graves with their teeth," and accordingly advises people in most beguiling style, to eat less if they would live long. He claims that he is not a faddist and that he believes in moderation, but the enthusiasm with which he presents his theories goes beyond the limit of moderation and resembles not a little that of the faddist. The lay reader should take this book with a grain of salt, or better still, with the advice of his own physician. It may be true that many people in middle life eat too much and exercise too little but it does not necessarily follow that the secret of a long life is solely a matter of diet and exercise. Perhaps Dr. Williams does not really think that that is the whole secret, but such is the impression given by his book.

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Bio-chemistry

TRAITÉ DE BIOCOLLOIDOLOGIE—W. Kopaczewski—*Gauthier-Villars (Paris)*. Volumes which have been published so far are as follows: Tome I, *Pratique des Colloïdes*, xviii, 786 p., 304 figs., 160 fr.; Tome II, *Biocolloïdes*, xv, 514 p., 67 figs., 80 fr.; Tome III, *Phénomènes Colloïdaux*, viii, 590 p., 150 figs., 110 fr.; Tome IV, *Etat Colloïdal et Biologie*, Fasc. 1, viii, 102 p., 35 fr., Fasc. 2, 133 p., 30 fr. Two more sections to Tome IV, and Tome V entitled *Etat Colloïdal et Médecine* are in press.

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Sociology

THE MEASUREMENT OF SOCIAL STATUS—F. Stuart Chapin—*University of Minnesota Press*, 16 p., 25c. Describing and providing a copy of Dr. Chapin's scale for measuring social status by means of assigning a score to various articles of culture present in the living room.

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Natural History

BULLETIN DU MUSÉE ROYAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE DE BELGIQUE, TOME IX—*Brussels*.

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