

● First Glances at New Books

Psychic Research

EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION—J. B. Rhine—*Boston Society for Psychic Research*, 169 p., \$2. The author, described by Prof. William McDougall in the Foreword as a "ruthless seeker after truth," was influenced by Prof. McDougall's writings and several years ago gave up a promising career in biology to devote himself to the scientific study of the psychic. The experiments reported were conducted over a period of three years at Duke University. From them, the author concludes that extra-sensory perception is a demonstrable fact. The book will interest two classes of individuals. Those willing to be convinced of the reality of telepathic or extra-sensory perception will find here a legitimate basis for their bias; those unwilling to accept such an interpretation will find an intriguing problem in the attempt to discover the "catch." Comments, questions, and criticism are invited by the author and by the Boston Society for Psychic Research.

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Pedagogy

MODERN EUROPEAN EDUCATORS AND THEIR WORK—Adolph E. Meyer—*Prentice-Hall*, 241 p., \$2.50. The barrier of language, says Prof. Meyer, has shut many American educators off from knowledge of the progressive developments in teaching abroad. Hence, he has written this book telling about one or more schools or great teachers in practically every European country. Next to visiting the schools and observing the work critically at first hand, a European tour through the eyes of a good guide, like this author, is a broadening experience for an American teacher.

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Botany

A TEXTBOOK OF GENERAL BOTANY—R. M. Holman and W. W. Robbins—*Wiley*, 626 p., \$4. The third edition of a successful textbook for colleges and universities.

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Forestry

THE PROFESSION OF FORESTRY—Arthur D. Read—*Macmillan*, 68 p., \$1.25. One of the least debated and most enthusiastically welcomed acts of the New Deal was the establishment of American forests and their dependent timber industries on a firm economic, administrative and scientific basis. For-

estry promises more professional openings for young men than ever before in this country's history. This little book, which tells directly and in simple terms what is expected of the young forestry graduate when he reports for his first job, and what chances are along the trail higher up, will be eagerly read by thousands of youngsters now endeavoring to orient themselves.

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Psychology—Sociology

AFTER THE SHUTDOWN—Ewan Clague, Walter J. Couper and E. Wight Bakke—*Institute of Human Relations, Yale*, 153 p., \$2. Many studies of the unemployed are handicapped by the fact that, even in a period of great depression, the unemployed are a more or less selected group; the less able, less well-adjusted workers are the first to lose jobs and the last to find employment when good times return. This study is of what happens when the whole plant shuts down, throwing everybody out. Despite the willingness of the community to aid, the burden in such a case falls directly on the individual worker and his family. In job hunting, they rely almost entirely upon old and ineffective methods; only a fraction made any use of employment offices and the great majority had never even heard of any such institution.

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Mathematics

AN INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL ANALYSIS—C. H. Richardson—*Harcourt, Brace*, 285 p., \$3. The fundamental notions of statistical analysis are presented in such a manner that they can be comprehended by students who have had little training in mathematics and yet the aim is to also serve those who have had considerable mathematical study.

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Sociology

WOMEN WHO WORK—Grace Hutchins—*International Publishers*, 285 p., \$2. One of the books on American Labor published by the Labor Research Association.

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Physics

THE STORY OF SKYSCRAPERS—Alfred Morgan—*Farrar & Rinehart*, 217 p., \$2. The story of how skyscrapers are made and of man's ability to fashion concrete and steel into "cities stood on end." In non-technical style the author (an experienced engineer) goes through the history of a skyscraper from its foundations beneath the bottom-most subcellar to the final nailing of the steelworker's flag on top. The journey skyward is a leisurely, detailed one with side trips into the origin and fabrication of the products of the major industries (there are 1,500 in all) that make a modern skyscraper possible. The final 64 pages consist of full-page views of skyscraper construction. Commendable woodcut-like drawings by the author supplement the many photographs. The book recommends itself as one for older children at the intelligently inquisitive age.

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Radio

BROADCASTING ABROAD—Compiled by Union Internationale de Radio-diffusion, A. R. Barrows, Secretary General—*University of Chicago Press*, 104 p., 50c.

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Education—Sociology

READINGS IN EDUCATIONAL SOCIOLOGY—Edited by E. George Payne—*Prentice-Hall*, 793 p., \$3. The second volume of a work consisting of selections from the writings of many leaders in education.

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Psychology—Industry

THE SCIENCE OF WORK—Morris S. Viteles—*W. W. Norton*, 442 p., \$3.75. In language relatively simple and free from technical and statistical terminology, it is explained how psychology is applied in making work a happier and more productive activity. Dr. Viteles is an authority on how to make men and machines get along well together. Psychology as well as mechanics and economics must be used if the machines that play such a vital part in our civilization are to run smoothly.

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