

• First Glances at New Books

Medicine

RECENT ADVANCES IN MEDICAL SCIENCE, A Study of their Social and Economic Implications—Sir Edward Mellanby—*Cambridge (Macmillan)*, 62 p., 75c. A stimulating discussion of accomplishments and still unsolved problems which should do much, as the author suggests, to restore to the despairing men and women of today "a firmer belief in the power of the human intellect to guide their destiny."

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Economics

WELTANSCHAUUNG, SCIENCE AND ECONOMY—Werner Sombart; translated by Philip Johnson—*Veritas Press*, 60 p., \$1. A leading theorist of the new German school of economics states his credo in condensed form. Outstanding is the thesis that Marxism and Liberalism are alike invalid, especially that the materialistic doctrine of economic determinism is outmoded; and that "Geist" (but in a strictly secular sense) will guide the economics of the future.

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Economics

CONTROL OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES, A Documentary History, 1775-1894—Fred Wilbur Powell, comp.—*Brookings Inst.*, 928 p., \$5. A compilation of the significant materials, official and unofficial, underlying the financial history of the United States during approximately its first century.

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Archaeology

THE COMMON PEOPLE OF POMPEII, A Study of the Graffiti—Helen H. Tanner—*Johns Hopkins Press*, 113 p., \$3. See page 57.

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Medicine

THE PATIENT'S DILEMMA, The Quest for Medical Security in America—Hugh Cabot—*Reynal & Hitchcock*, 284 p., \$2.50. See page 61.

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Psychology

SEE YOURSELF AS OTHERS SEE YOU—David Seabury—*Whittlesey House*, 354 p., \$2.50. A book in popular style for those who like self appraisal.

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Photography

HANDBOOK OF PHOTOGRAPHY—Keith Henney and Beverly Dudley, editors—*Whittlesey*, 871 p., \$7.50. Twenty-three specialists have contributed to this reference volume for the shelves of the

more serious photographers. In addition to the chapters on techniques and theory of photography there are several on photography in special fields such as astronomy and geology.

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Child Study

EVALUATIONS OF ADOLESCENT PERSONALITY BY ADOLESCENTS—Caroline McCann Tryon—*Society for Research in Child Development, National Research Council*, 83 p., \$1.

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Psychology

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE SYSTEMS OF LEWIN AND KOFFKA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MEMORY PHENOMENA—Sylvia Hazelton MacColl—*Duke Univ. Press*, 160 p., \$1.50. Lewin and Koffka are both exponents of Gestalt psychology, and this comparison of their "schools" will interest those who wish an understanding of modern ways of thinking in this science.

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Philosophy

NATURALISM—James Bissett Pratt—*Yale Univ. Press*, 180 p., \$2. Here are published a series of lectures in philosophy delivered at Indiana University in 1938 by the professor of philosophy at Williams College. Naturalism is discussed in relation to life, evolution, mind, morality, and religion.

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Economics

THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE—George E. Sokolsky—*Farrar & Rinehart*, 188 p., \$2. Frankly propaganda for private enterprise in the United States. "Upon this economy," says the author, "often called the capitalist system, depends the continuance of democracy in our country."

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Physiology

HORMONES IN INVERTEBRATES—Bertil Hanström—*Oxford Univ. Press*, 198 p., 13 pl., \$4.25. As compared with the almost limitless flood of publication on hormones in vertebrates, the literature on the same class of secretions in invertebrates seems a mere trickle. Students of comparative physiology, as well as special workers in the various invertebrate phyla, will therefore have a special welcome for this compact but comprehensive and well-organized book. A valuable added feature is the 38-page bibliography.

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General Science

SCIENCE IN OUR MODERN WORLD; Book I, Understanding Science, 432 p., \$1.28; Book II, Science for Daily Use, 500 p., \$1.48; Book III, Science for Human Control, 588 p., \$1.68—Ralph K. Watkins and Winifred Perry—*Macmillan*. Fortunate, indeed, are the children who get their first introduction to science through these books. With simplicity, breadth, thoroughness, impetus toward experimentation, attractive illustration and curiosity-tickling questions, they should not only make science in school pleasurable but give the next generation a chance to understand the world about it to a greater extent than does the adult world today.

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Philosophy

THE PROSPECTS OF PHILOSOPHY—John J. Rolbiecki—*Benziger*, 174 p., \$2.50. By one who has taught philosophy for twenty years and is a member of the staff of the Catholic University of America's School of Philosophy, the thesis is that since the time of Descartes the line of cleavage between science and philosophy has been growing more and more marked.

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Psychology

HOW TO THINK STRAIGHT—Robert H. Thouless—*Simon and Schuster*, 246 p., \$2. A modernized and Americanized version of a much read book by the head of the department of psychology at Glasgow University. It is filled with examples from current conversations of crooked thinking and the dishonest tricks of those who try to influence without logic.

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Ethnology

THE PULSE OF THE PUEBLO—Julia M. Seton—*Seton Village Press, Santa Fe*, 249 p., \$2. Readable and thought-provoking little stories of modern Indians, and their frequently strange encounters with the white man's ideas. Mrs. Seton presents them, to show that real Indians are kindly, human, and "worth-while."

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Engineering

MACHINE SHOP WORK (5th ed.)—Frederick W. Turner, Oscar E. Perrigo; Aldrick Bertrand, rev.—*American Technical Soc.*, 416 p., \$2.75. The details of the machinist's art given in excellent textbook form. Diagrams and photographs make pertinent points clearer.

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