

• First Glances at New Books

PSYCHIATRY

PSYCHIATRY FOR THE CURIOUS—George H. Preston—*Farrar & Rinehart*, 148 p., illus., \$1.50. Information about mental ills written in pleasant style for the layman and illustrated with amusing sketches by the author, commissioner of mental hygiene for the state of Maryland.

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ECONOMICS

A SEARCH FOR A HAPPY COUNTRY—Marion Foster Washburne—*Natl Home Library Foundation*, 269 p., 50c. In this informally written book, you can see Europe from a fresh viewpoint. The author feels that she did find a happy country—in Estonia. In a postscript written after the red flag was flying there, she clings to this impression for, she says, they still have there six essentials to happiness—food, home, work, education, health and love. And she regards it as unlikely that any censorship can restrict the freedom of expression of these people who have a secret language no one else can understand.

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PSYCHOLOGY

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY (Rev. and Enl.)—Arthur T. Jersild—*Prentice-Hall* 592 p., \$3. Parents as well as teachers and students of psychology will find interest in this new edition. The new chapters include material on establishment in young children of good habits in the routines of daily life, on children's interests, their imaginative activities, and their moral and religious concepts. Other parts of the book have been brought up to date.

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ENGINEERING

THE STORY OF SUPERFINISH—Arthur M. Swigert, Jr.—*Lynn*, 672 p., \$5. A rather detailed account of metal finishing processes, with special reference to the methods used by the Chrysler Corporation.

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LANGUAGE

SEMANTIC FREQUENCY LIST FOR ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, AND SPANISH—Helen S. Eaton, comp.—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 440 p., \$5. An excellent reference book for teachers and students of these foreign languages or of English. Words are listed with other language equivalents in parallel columns, according to the frequency with which they

are used. In the first thousand are such familiar words such as can, little, great and war. In the seventh thousand are those that are seldom made use of—catholicism, vituperation, muleteer, epilogue.

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GENERAL SCIENCE

WORKBOOK TO UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE, 106 p., tests, 68c.; WORKBOOK TO SCIENCE FOR DAILY USE, 116 p. tests, 72c.; WORKBOOK TO SCIENCE FOR HUMAN CONTROL, 122 p., tests, 76c.—Ralph K. Watkins and Winifred Perry—*Macmillan*. Price correction.

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TAX YIELDS: 1939—*Tax Policy League*, 126 p., \$2.50. Statistics of federal, state and local taxes collected in recent years.

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ENTOMOLOGY

INTRODUCING INSECTS, A Book for Beginners—James G. Needham—*Jaques Cattell Press*, 129 p., illus., \$1.50. One of the leading entomologists in America turns his hand to popularization of his science for young people making their first collections of insects, and succeeds most admirably. Text presentation is clear, concise, easy and chatty; line illustrations are neat and pertinent. A most excellent little book.

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ECONOMICS

THE CHORTI INDIANS OF GUATEMALA—Charles Wisdom — *Univ. of Chicago Press*, 490 p., illus., \$4.50. A very complete study of an agricultural people of eastern central Guatemala, near the site of the Maya city of Copan (just over the line, in Honduras). They may well be direct descendants of the Copan people. In some ways they are more primitive than other Guatemalan Indians: they do not, for example, weave cloth. However, the differences as well as the similarity to other people in this area will interest anthropologists and those who have visited Guatemala.

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BACTERIOLOGY

ELEMENTARY BACTERIOLOGY (4th ed., rev.)—Joseph E. Greaves and Ethelyn O. Greaves — *Saunders*, 587 p., \$3.50. Fourth edition of a well-planned and successful text.

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ASTRONOMY

LIFE ON OTHER WORLDS—H. Spencer Jones—*Macmillan*, 299 p., \$3. Dr. Jones is England's astronomer royal, and, as such, the head of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich. Here he gives a carefully considered discussion of the possibility of life elsewhere than on the earth, and concludes that whenever conditions are right, as at rare intervals they probably would be, life will appear.

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ARCHAEOLOGY

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN—Nelson Glueck—*American Schools of Oriental Research*, 208 p., 127 illus., \$2.50. Far less well known than Palestine, Transjordan is yielding archaeological proof of its former importance. Dr. Glueck describes finds at King Solomon's seaport, Solomon's copper mines, and discoveries relating to Nabataeans, Edomites, and other groups who made history in this rugged country.

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AERONAUTICS

MODEL AIRPLANE CONTESTS — Published for Air Youth of America—*Appleton-Century*, 106 p., illus., \$1.25. Complete details as to the planning and conducting of a model airplane contest, among the two million young people who now build and fly them.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

COPYING TECHNIQUE—Frank R. Fraprie and Robert H. Morris, comps.—*Amer. Photographic Pub.*, 128 p., illus., \$1.50. Even photographers skilled in other branches of the craft often have trouble producing a copy that does not look like one. This very practical book should be a great help in avoiding that fault.

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HORTICULTURE

SHRUBS IN THE GARDEN AND THEIR LEGENDS — Vernon Quinn — *Stokes*, 308 p., illus., \$2.50. Autumn is shrub-planting season in many parts of this country, so that this new book about shrubs makes a timely appearance. This is not, however, primarily a manual for gardeners, but a book of quaint and curious lore about shrubs, gathered from all lands and times. It should help to develop our appreciation of the personalities of the bushes we set out around our lawns and in our gardens.

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