

First Glances at New Books

➤ RADIO miracles that have sprung from the first stuttering message broadcast the length of a room are largely due to the vision of one man. His life story is recounted by Douglas Coe in the book, *MARCONI* (*Julian Messner*, \$2.50). Other scientists are included who influenced Marconi and helped spin the thread of wireless history.

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➤ ANGEL, it seems, can be a family name. ANGEL OF THE NAVY (*Hastings House*, \$2) relates the experiences of the author, Joan Angel, as a WAVE, from enlistment to assignment to active duty. A good deal of helpful information about the WAVES is to be found in this most amusing book.

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➤ FASCINATING, as meeting-points of ethnology, art and religion are the ecclesiastical statues and paintings wrought by the untaught Mexican folk, including those within our own boundaries. The naive artists make up for lack of technical skill by intensity of feeling. In preparing the group of annotated photographs that constitute SANTOS: THE RELIGIOUS FOLK ART OF NEW MEXICO (*Taylor Museum*, Colorado Springs, Colorado, \$4), Mitchell A. Wilder and Edgar Breitenbach have set up a monument that will be of interest alike to ethnologists and students of art.

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➤ RABBIT RAISING, once a minor agricultural pursuit, has become a major project in our national food production program. HOW TO RAISE RABBITS FOR FOOD AND FUR by Frank G. Ashbrook, in Charge, Fur Resources, Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior, will prove invaluable to amateurs planning to raise a few rabbits in their backyard as well as to those undertaking rabbit-raising on a large scale. The recipes for stewed rabbit, rabbit pie, and rabbit a la Marenco will make your mouth water. (*Orange Judd*, \$2).

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➤ FLOWERS through the whole horticultural alphabet, from Abronia to Zygotelum, are described and most appropriate uses suggested, in the first part of Albert E. Wilkinson's FLOWER EN-

CYCLOPEDIA AND GARDENER'S GUIDE, and in the last section cultivation directions are given. It is a good, compact, one-volume compendium of flower gardening, and at an astonishingly low price. (*New Home Library, Garden City Pub. Co.*, 69c).

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➤ EVERYTHING about plastics, well presented, has been the aim of Herbert R. Simonds, Carleton Ellis and Capt. M. H. Bigelow in compiling a HANDBOOK OF PLASTICS (*Van Nostrand*, \$10). With the cooperation of key men in the industry, they have succeeded remarkably well in comprehensively putting in one volume the physical and chemical properties of plastics, their production, manufacture and finishing. Glossaries, bibliography, detailed index and many tables have been included to make the book more usable.

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➤ FOUR HUNDRED YEARS of exploration, settlement and cultural development of the entire Western Hemisphere is interestingly covered in THE STORY OF THE AMERICAS, a new 700 page book, by Leland D. Baldwin (*Simon and Schuster*, \$3.50). This is in narrative form with many bits of humor.

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➤ SCIENTISTS AND LAYMEN will enjoy the story of scientific discoveries and their application to modern life as told in MAN AND HIS PHYSICAL UNIVERSE, by F. C. Jean, E. C. Harrah, F. L. Herman and S. R. Powers (*Ginn*, \$3.25). The book is especially for those who do not intend to specialize in the field of science but who desire general knowledge in many sciences to enable them to understand properly their relations to the universe and fellowmen.

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• Just Off the Press •

BELGIAN HUMOR UNDER THE GERMAN HEEL—*The Belgian Information Center*, 630 Fifth Ave., New York City. A pamphlet of cartoons from the Belgian underground, distributed by the Belgian Information Center.

THE CHEMICAL BACKGROUND FOR ENGINE RESEARCH—R. E. Burk and Oliver Grummitt—*Interscience Publishers*, 297 p., illus., \$3.50. Vol. II of *Frontiers in Chemistry*, published under the auspices of Western Reserve Univ. A series of lectures by experts on combustion processes and lubrication.

DISEASES AND PESTS OF ORNAMENTAL PLANTS—Bernard O. Dodge and Harold W. Rickett—*Jaques Cattell Press*, 638 p., illus., \$6.50.

FATS AND OILS IN THE WAR—Karl Brandt—*Stanford Univ.*, 60 p., tables, 25c.

HOME CANNING IN WARTIME: A Victory Guide to Canning, Preserving, Pickling, and Drying—Elsie Clarke—*World Pub. Co.*, 123 p., illus., 49c.

ISLANDS AND PEOPLES OF THE INDIES—Raymond Kennedy—*Smithsonian Institution*, 66 p., illus. Free upon direct application to Smithsonian. War background studies No. 14.

1000 PRE-FLIGHT PROBLEMS—W. H. Thompson and M. L. Aiken—*Harper*, 160 p., 88c, paper. (Cloth-bound \$1.20 as of September 1, 1943)

PENICILLIN: Annotated Bibliography (No. 1-81) With Detailed Subject Index—*Winthrop Chemical Co.*, 170 Varick Street, New York 13, N. Y. Single copies avail-

able to interested scientists on request. The first annotated bibliography on penicillin containing abstracts of 81 papers published since 1929.

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