

Books of the Week

► INTERESTING popular accounts of the origins of a number of our more common cultivated plants fill the pages of **GREEN CARGOES**, by Anne Dorrance. It traces the history of man-controlled plant migrations from the great discovery voyages of the Renaissance down to the highly specialized expeditions of the present time. (*Doubleday*, \$2).

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► PACIFIC lands and their inhabitants have perforce become of great interest to Americans during the past few years, and will continue so for many years to come. To most of us, the animal life of these lands stands second in interest only to the human population. A ready welcome, therefore, should await **MAMMALS OF THE PACIFIC WORLD**, by T. C. Carter, J. E. Hill and G. H. H. Tate, a compact book giving popular descriptions of most species, with vivid black-and-white text illustrations. (*Macmillan*, \$3.)

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► FEW MEN who write autobiographies are able to call the turn as closely as did Francis B. Sumner. On Sept. 3 his newly published **LIFE HISTORY OF AN AMERICAN NATURALIST** was released for sale. On Sept. 8 he died. In his book he is as he was in life: a tireless observer of all kinds of living things, from mice to men, an exact reporter of all that he saw, a determined supporter of the truth as he knew it and often a pungent commentator on the errors and foibles of men

whose gift of reason should, he felt, have deterred them from some of the irrational behavior in which they indulged. (*Cattell*, \$3.)

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► MOLDS of the genus *Aspergillus* have long been recognized as important both negatively as spoilage organisms and beneficially as food-ripening agents. More recently they have taken on new importance as converters of carbohydrates into various compounds useful in industry. Mycologists in all these fields, therefore, will welcome **A MANUAL OF THE ASPERGILLI**, by a pair of masters in their science, Charles Thom and Kenneth B. Raper (*Williams and Wilkins*, \$7). The data presented are complete and marshalled in scholarly fashion; the illustrations are the best of their kind and help greatly in bringing out critical distinctions.

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Just Off the Press

THE ATOMIC AGE OPENS—*Pocket Books*, 252 p., 25 cents. A book for the layman, written before the Smyth report was issued.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTRONICS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN MODERN LIFE—Henry Lionel Williams—*Blakiston*, 231 p., illus., 69 cents. A volume in New Home Library series.

HEALTH INSTRUCTION YEARBOOK 1945—Oliver E. Byrd, comp.—*Stanford Univ. Press*, 344 p., \$3. A health text and refer-

ence book containing outstanding articles of the past year in the field of health.

MICROBES OF MERIT—Otto Rahn—*Cattell*, 277 p., illus., \$4. The story of bacteriology told for the layman.

THE PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDY OF THE CHILD, Vol. 1, 1945—Otto Fenichel and others, eds.—*International Universities Press*, 423 p., \$6.

A SHORT DICTIONARY OF ARCHITECTURE, Including Some Common Building Terms—Dora Ware and Betty Beatty—*Philosophical Lib.*, 109 p., illus., \$2.75. With an introduction on the study of architecture by John Gloag.

SOUTH AMERICAN HANDBOOK—H. W. Wilson, 842 p., illus., \$1.25. 22nd ed. Annual guide and book of reference to Cuba, Mexico, Central and South America.

THE STORY OF THE GREAT GEOLOGISTS—Carroll Lane Fenton and Mildred Adams Fenton—*Doubleday*, 301 p., illus., \$3.50.

UNITED NATIONS PRIMER—Sigrid Arne—*Farrar*, 156 p., \$1.25.

VETEbrate PALEONTOLOGY—Alfred Sherwood Romer—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 686 p., illus., \$7.50.

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AERONAUTICS

Daniel Guggenheim Medal Awarded Dr. T. P. Wright

► THE DANIEL Guggenheim medal for 1945 has been awarded to Dr. Theodore P. Wright, United States administrator of Civil Aeronautics in Washington, who is an outstanding figure in aviation both in America and abroad. The citation with the award reads, "For outstanding contributions to the development of civil and military aircraft, and for notable achievement in assuring the success of our wartime aircraft production program."

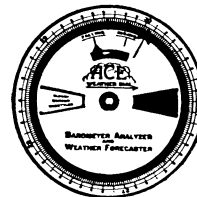
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