# Books of the Week

CORNELL CONFERENCES ON THERA Y: Volume One—Harry Gold, M.D., David P. Barr, M.D., Eugene F. DuBois, M.D., McKeen Cattell, M.D., Charles H. Wheeler, M.D., editors—Macmillan, \$3.25. Round table discussions held at Cornell University between members of the Departments of Medicine and Pharmacology; Chapter headings include "The RH Factor in Therapy", "Psychological Aspects of the Treatment of Pain", "Treatment of Heart Failure", etc.

ECONOMICS OF THE POTASH INDUSTRY-Jules Backman-American Potash Institute, 55 p., tables and maps, free.

THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT— Government Printing Office. 38 p., illus., paper, 15 cents. The work of the county home demonstration agent among rural families. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Miscellaneous Publication No. 602.

IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A HOUSE-Elizabeth B. Mock-Museum of Modern Art, 96 p., Illus., \$2. A photographic survey of modern architecture with a simply written analysis of problems in home planning, designing and construction.

LABORATORY MANUAL OF ORGANIC MEDIC-INAL PRODUCTS-Walter H. Hartung, W. T. Sumerford, and Melvin F. W. Dunker—*Univ. of Georgia Press*, 102 p., diagrs., paper, \$2.25. Directions for carrying out laboratory exercises dealing with the chemistry of organic medicinal products and the related compounds. Designed for the student who is familiar with the fundamentals of inorganic and organic chemistry.

MANUAL OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY—Leonard Carmichael, ed.-Wiley, 1068 p., tables and illus., \$6. An advance level textbook, presenting a series of separate chapters,

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PERSONAL HYGIENE APPLIED—Jesse Feiring Williams, M.D.—Saunders, 564 p., tables and illus., \$2.50, 8th ed. textbook for students beginning their college careers A revised edition containing new material on fitness and exercise, posture, nutrition, dental caries, etc.

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY FOR PREMEDICAL STUDENTS—John Page Amsden—McGraw, 298 p., diagrs. and tables, \$3.50. A textbook written especially for a one-semester course for premedical students, including only those portions of elementary physical chemistry which will be of value to the medical student in his later professional work.

PILING AND ITS EFFECT ON DRYING IN NATURAL CIRCULATION KILNS—Roy M. Carter—Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 8 p., illus., free. Forest Products Paper No. 2.

POPULATION AND PEACE IN THE PACIFIC—Warren S. Thompson—Univ. of Chicago Press, 397 p., tables and maps, \$3.75. An analysis of the raw-material resources, agriculture industrial production, and economic future of each of the vast regions composing the Pacific world: Australia and New Zealand, Oceania, Indonesia, Manchoukuo, China, India, and Japan.

PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN THAT AFFECT THE OPERATION OF A NATURAL CIRCULATION KILN-Roy M. Carter-Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 8 p., illus., free. Forest Products Paper No. 3.

SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL, AND TECHNICAL BOOKS: Published in the United States of America 1930-1944—R. R. Hawkins, ed. —Bowker, 1114 p., \$20. A selected list of titles in print with annotations. The selections on a given subject represent those volumes that should be available in a well-stocked American library specializing in that subject. Copies are distributed in Latin America by the Office of International Information and Cultural Affairs of the State Department and in Europe by the U. S. International Book Association.

THERMODYNAMICS — Erwin 'STATISTICAL -Cambridge Univ. Press, 88 Schrödingerp., \$1.50. A course of seminar lectures delivered in January-March 1944, at the School of Theoretical Physics, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies.

TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMA-TISM IN GENERAL PRACTICE: Particularly Women-Bernard Aschner, M.D.-Froben, 340 p., \$5. A different approach to the problem, which may be questioned by other physicians.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR ME: My Occupation, My Marriage, My Education—Archie J. Baum—Hogg Foundation, 29 p., paper, 25 cents. Suggestions aimed at helping the college freshman plan his own future in three areas of student choice; Dr. Bahm gives sources of information regarding each area.

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