

Books of the Week

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THE ALCHEMISTS: Founders of Modern Chemistry—F. Sherwood Taylor—*Schuman*, 246 p., illus., \$4.00. A contribution to the history of science and thought. For the well informed layman. Of British origin.

AMERICA'S HEALTH: A Report to the Nation—National Health Assembly—*Harper*, 395 p., \$4.50. The official report of the Assembly which met for a four-day session in May 1948.

FEMALE SEX ENDOCRINOLOGY—Charles H. Birnberg—*Lippincott*, 134 p., illus., \$4.00. Designed to serve as a quick reference as needed in the everyday practice of medicine.

FERTILITY AND HATCHABILITY OF CHICKEN AND TURKEY EGGS—Lewis W. Taylor—*Wiley*, 423 p., illus., \$5.00. Reports of research put into terms of practical application.

THE GROWTH OF THE EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES: An Experiment in General Education—James Bryant Conant—*Harvard University Press*, 67 p., paper, free upon request by interested college professor or educational administrator to Mr. Guy Snavely, 726 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. An experimental method of teaching a general course on science to non-science students by the "case method."

HIGHWAY RESEARCH REVIEW: A Summary of National Highway Research Activities Reported by the Research Correlation Service—Vol. 1, No. 1—R. W. Crum and Fred Burggraf, Eds.—*Highway Research Board*, 28 p., paper, quarterly, 45 cents a copy. This first number provided a classified listing of highway research projects in progress or recently reported. Future issues will contain articles on current research.

INTERNATIONAL DIGEST OF HEALTH LEGISLATION, Vol. 1, No. 1—*World Health Organization*, 144 p., paper, \$1.25. This journal will consist of reprints and translations of or extracts from the texts of the most important laws and regulations dealing with public health in different countries.

INTRODUCTION TO RADIOCHEMISTRY—Gerhart Friedlander and Joseph W. Kennedy—*Wiley*, 412 p., illus., \$5.00. A text book for students of chemistry on the graduate or senior undergraduate level. The senior author is chemist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

M. I. T. LIBRARY ANNUAL 1948—Vernon D. Tate and Margaret P. Hazen, Eds.—*Library, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, 84 p., paper, 75 cents. Containing articles of particular interest to librarians.

MANUAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, INJURIES, AND CAUSES OF DEATH Vol. I: Sixth Revision of the International Lists of Diseases and Causes of Death. Adopted 1948—*World Health Organization* 376 p., paper, \$6.00. To facilitate the keeping of comparable international statistics.

MODERN SCIENCE AND ITS PHILOSOPHY—Philipp Frank—*Harvard University Press*, 324 p.,

\$4.50. Development of thinking originated in company with a group of other students in Thursday evening bull sessions in a Viennese coffee house. The book includes a critical discussion of Soviet philosophy.

NUTRITION SURVEYS: THEIR TECHNIQUES AND VALUE—Committee on Nutrition Surveys—*National Research Council*, 144 p., paper, \$1.50. Intended to contribute to the better understanding of the value and purpose of nutrition surveys and to the development of improved techniques for conducting them.

SEASHORE TREASURES—Charles Howard Edmondson—*Pacific*, 144 p., illus., \$3.50. A timely book for those who wish to pursue their knowledge of nature during a seaside vacation. The seashore creatures are described in non-technical terms and by photographs. Although based on the fauna of Hawaii, it is applicable to many parts of the world.

TIN: Its Mining, Production, Technology and Applications—C. L. Mantell—*Reinhold*, 2d ed., 573 p., illus., \$10.00. A reference work for those connected with the production or processing of tin. One of the monograph series of the American Chemical Society.

WHITE COLLAR ZOO—Clare Barnes, Jr.—*Double-day*, 74 p., illus., \$1.00. A collection of delightful animal photographs which reminded the author of familiar office personalities from the bearded lion who is pictured as president and chairman of the board to the herd of sheep who represent the morning rush hour.

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GENETICS

Identical Twins May Be Frequent Among Antelope

➤ IDENTICAL twins seem to be a frequent occurrence among the pronghorn antelope of the American West. Evidence indicating this was presented by Prof. C. A. Tryon, Jr., of the University of Pittsburgh.

Prof. Tryon made postmortem examinations of a number of pronghorn antelope does that had been killed in Montana. Six of them were found to be pregnant, and all six had twin embryos of the same sex. This is fairly strong indication, though not completely conclusive proof, that they were identical twins.

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ASTRONOMY

Newly Discovered Comet Is Growing Brighter

➤ COMET Bappu-Bok-Newkirk, the year's second comet, is growing a little brighter than it was when discovered July 2 at Harvard's Oak Ridge Observatory. Four successive observations by the Harvard dis-

coverers have been made. The comet is about 13th magnitude, which means that a good-sized telescope is necessary to spot it.

The discovering team consisted of a Harvard graduate student from Hyderabad, India, the associate director of Harvard Observatory and a Harvard senior—Vainu Bappu, Bart J. Bok and Gordon Newkirk, Jr. Comets are named after their discoverers, therefore the triple-barrelled name of the new visitor to the vicinity of the sun. Mr. Newkirk was a Science Talent Search winner in 1946 and his home is West Orange, N. J.

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