

Books of the Week

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ALCOHOLISM, 1941-1951: A Survey of Activities in Research, Education and Therapy—Staff, Yale Center of Alcohol Studies—*Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, 90 p., paper, \$1.00. Not so much an analysis of the problems arising from alcoholism as an indication of the major sources of data in this field and the major types of action programs.

THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF IRAQ: Part II, Number 2, Kurdistan and Number 3, Conclusions—Henry Field—*Peabody Museum*, 174 p., illus., paper, \$6.85. What is now Iraq, says the author, formed part of the nursery of *Homo sapiens*. Here arose the science of numbers, calculations and the plotting of the stars in their courses. Here developed and flourished one of the centers of civilization.

BACK DOWN THE RIDGE—W. L. White—*Harcourt, Brace*, 182 p., \$3.00. Telling the poignant story, in the GI's own words, of how that young American boy, just under 20, got clobbered (wounded) on a desolate ridge in Korea and the heroic and skillful things that were done for him to save his life and bring him back home.

BLOOD-BROTHERS: An Ethno-Sociological Study of the Institutions of Blood-Brotherhood With Special Reference to Africa—Harry Tegnaeus—*Philosophical Library*, 182 p., illus., \$12.00. Description of a custom of sealing a pact or alliance by mixing the blood of the participants and sometimes drinking the mixture.

BUILDING AMERICA'S HEALTH: Volume 5, The People Speak, Excerpts From Regional Public Hearings on Health—President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation—*Govt. Printing Office*, 521 p., paper, \$2.50. This was the chance for the citizen to speak up about his individual health problems and those of the community. Selections from the testimony of nearly 400 witnesses.

CAN RUSSIA SURVIVE?: An Examination of the Facts and Figures of Soviet Reality—F. B. Czarnomski—*Philosophical Library*, 128 p.,

\$2.75. A frankly prejudiced author, writing from London, presents the dark side of Soviet Russia which, he says, is "the very face of horror." But, he says, "life behind the iron curtain is slowly but surely going out."

CATALOG AND PRICE LIST EASTMAN ORGANIC CHEMICALS—Distillation Products Industries. Eastman Organic Chemicals Department, 38th ed., 224 p., paper, free upon request to publisher, Rochester 3, N. Y.

COMPACTION OF EMBANKMENTS, SUBGRADES, AND BASES—L. D. Hicks, Chairman—*National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council, Highway Research Board Bulletin* 58, 84 p., illus., paper, \$1.50. There is no other single treatment which produces so marked a change in the physical properties of soils at so low a cost as does compaction, the bulletin indicates.

COMPARATIVE EMBRYOLOGY OF THE VERTEBRATES—Olin E. Nelsen—*Blakiston*, 982 p., illus., \$8.00. A liberally illustrated text so arranged that the instructor may select certain chapters for presentation to his class one year while others are picked for a fresh approach the following year.

COPAN CERAMICS: A Study of Southeastern Maya Pottery—John M. Longyear, III—*Carnegie Institution of Washington*, 114 p., illus., \$5.25 paper, \$6.25 cloth. The ruins of Copan lie in the valley of the Copan River, in the extreme western part of Honduras. The earliest occupants of the site had an advanced ceramic technique and made tortillas from corn.

CULTURE: A Critical Review of Concepts and Definitions—A. L. Kroeber and Clyde Kluckhohn—*Peabody Museum*, 223 p., paper, \$5.25. The authors conclude that, although we have a fairly well delineated concept of culture, we have as yet no full theory of culture.

DERMATOLOGY: A Textbook for Nurses—Herbert Rattner—*Saunders*, 270 p., illus., \$4.25. A textbook for student nurses to help them recognize and give proper care to skin troubles. It contains valuable information for the general reader who would like to have a "skin you love to touch."

DICTIONARY OF WORLD LITERATURE: Criticism, Forms, Technique—Joseph T. Shipley, Ed.—*Philosophical Library*, rev. ed., 453 p., \$7.50. A technical dictionary of literary and dramatic terms.

EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE GRANTS—International Information Administration, Department of State—*Govt. Printing Office*, 27 p., illus., paper, 10 cents. Describing the opportunities available for students and teachers to study abroad, and for foreign students, teachers and lecturers to come to this country.

ENDOCRINE TREATMENT IN GENERAL PRACTICE—Max A. Goldzieher and Joseph W. Goldzieher, Eds.—*Springer*, 474 p., illus., \$8.00. Written for the practicing physician by 21 clinicians from many fields of medicine.

ETHNOBOTANY OF THE RAMAH NAVAHO—Paul A. Vestal—*Peabody Museum*, 94 p., paper,

\$2.50. Indicating the knowledge the Navaho of the Ramah region has of wild and cultivated plants and their uses in medicine, ceremonials, personal toilet and hand crafts.

EVOLUTION IN ACTION—Julian Huxley—*Harper*, 182 p., illus., \$2.75. One obvious task for the free world to undertake, states the author, is the scientific exploration of human possibilities, and the eugenic possibilities are now subsidiary to the psycho-social ones.

THE GREATER INDUSTRIAL HEALTH—Lemuel R. Boulware—*Mellon Institute*, 10 p., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, 4400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

HANDBOOK FOR CHEMISTRY ASSISTANTS—Grant W. Smith, Chairman—*American Chemical Society*, 32 p., paper, free upon request to Fisher Scientific Company, 717 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh 19, Pa. Practical help for the inexperienced graduate student who has been selected as teaching assistant. Safety measures for dangerous chemicals and radioactive materials are included.

HEARING WITH OUR EYES: A Lipreading Textbook for Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child with Manual for Accompanying Workbooks—Ena G. Macnutt—*Volta Bureau*, 125 p., paper, \$4.50. Presenting lessons that have been used successfully by the author for years in public schools.

I DRANK THE ZAMBEZI—Arthur Loveridge—*Harper*, 296 p., illus., \$4.00. The dramatic story of a safari in Nyasaland, Africa, where the author studied wildlife and brought back to Harvard almost 4,000 specimens of fauna.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CONTROL OF RIBES BY CHEMICAL AND MECHANICAL METHODS—H. R. Offord and others—*Govt. Printing Office*, USDA Circular No. 906, 72 p., illus., paper, 35 cents. Reporting results of the search for large-scale and economical methods for eradication of the cause of blister rust of pine trees.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD—PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS—Murray Shields and others—*American Management Association*, 28 p., paper, \$1.25.

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE—Industrial Hygiene Foundation, H. H. Schrenk, research director—*Mellon Institute*, 2 p., illus., paper, free upon

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INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: A Preliminary Report—Bureau of Labor Statistics—*Department of Defense Research and Development Board*, 42 p., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, Washington 25, D. C. The companies responding to this survey spent almost two billion dollars for research, of which almost half was financed by the federal government.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE PRACTICE—*International Labour Office*, 50 p., paper, 50 cents. The purpose of this booklet is primarily to analyze briefly and in simple terms, in the light of broad international experience, the principal types of society likely to be of value in underdeveloped communities, the needs which determine their establishment, and the chief conditions likely to affect their organization.

LIPREADING WORKBOOK TO ACCOMPANY HEARING WITH OUR EYES—Ena G. Macnutt—*Volta Bureau*, 28 p., illus., paper, 35 cents. Exercises for children learning lipreading.

A MANUAL OF CLINICAL ALLERGY—John M. Sheldon, Robert G. Lovell and Kenneth P. Mathews—*Saunders*, 413 p., illus., \$8.50. For the physician who wants to establish an allergy practice.

THE MYSTERY OF OTHER WORLDS REVEALED—Harland Manchester and others—*Sterling*, 144 p., illus., \$2.95. An attractive, bountifully illustrated book in which fact and fancy mingle.

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL REVIEW 1952—*National Research Council, Canada*, 271 p., illus., paper, 75 cents. Reporting the researches carried on during the year by the various scientific divisions.

THE NEW FORCE: The Story of Atoms and People—Ralph E. Lapp—*Harper*, 238 p., \$3.00. The story of atomic research from its backgrounds in theory to the development of the hydrogen bomb and the promise of atomic power for industry and electricity. Dr. Lapp is the author of "Must We Hide."

ONE-POT COOKERY—Eidola Jean Bourgaize—*Association Press*, 126 p., \$2.50. A book in-

tended to make any enthusiastic hiker or picnicker into an expert and popular camp chef who can turn out enchanting food with a minimum of fuss and muss.

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY—Melvin J. Astle and J. Reid Shelton—*Harper*, 771 p., illus., \$7.50. A full-year course covering theoretical aspects and applications in industry, including modern electronic applications.

PASCAL: His Life and Works—Jean Mesnard—*Philosophical Library*, 208 p., illus., \$3.75. A biography of a man who was scientist, mathematician, man of the world and mystic.

PATIENTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS FOR THE PROLONGED CARE OF THE MENTALLY ILL, 1950—*National Institute of Mental Health*, 4 p., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, Bethesda 14, Md. About 600,000 persons were under treatment in these hospitals at the end of 1950. It costs about \$2.12 per patient per day to take care of them.

PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA AND THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER—Joseph L. DeCourcy and Cornelius B. DeCourcy—*DeCourcy Clinic*, 165 p., \$4.00. Describing the hypertensive disorder known to physicians as "the great mimic," because it masquerades so often as essential hypertension or malignant hypertension or some other ill.

PHILIPPINE ZOOLOGICAL EXPEDITION: 1946-1947: Mammals—Colin Campbell Sanborn—*Chicago Natural History Museum*, 69 p., illus.,

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE: An Introduction—Stephen Toulmin—*Hutchinson's University Library (Longmans, Green)*, 176 p., \$2.25. Telling the layman how to understand the words of scientists, especially when they use familiar terms in new and strange ways.

PLEISTOCENE EOLIAN DEPOSITS OF THE UNITED STATES, ALASKA AND PARTS OF CANADA—National Research Council Committee for the Study of Eolian Deposits, James Thorp and H. T. U. Smith, Co-Chairmen—*Geological Society of America*, two wall maps, scale 1:2,500,000, one inch to 40 miles, \$3.00.

A PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONTROLS—The Monsanto Chemical Company—*American Management Association*, 55 p., paper, \$1.25. The Monsanto Chemical Company manufactures and sells a broad range of chemicals and plastics.

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION FOR 1950-51 and 1951-52—Arthur W. Melloh, Ed.—*Texas Engineering Experiment Station*, 41 p., illus., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, College Station, Texas.

SCIENCE FACILITIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS: Guiding Principles and Suggestions for Planning and Developing Instructional Facilities for Science Teaching—Philip G. Johnson—*Govt. Printing Office*, Office of Education Misc. No. 17, 38 p., illus., paper, 25 cents. To aid those concerned with science teaching and school housing to plan the best layout.

SCIENCE VS. CHIROPRACTIC—Kathleen Cassidy Doyle—*Public Affairs Committee*, 28 p., illus., paper, 25 cents. It is estimated that there are 20,000 chiropractors in the United States, and they claim some 30,000,000 patients. This booklet points out that there are many ills for which the chiropractor offers no cure and for which "spinal adjustment" is not a successful treatment.

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SOCIETY AND THE NURSING PROFESSION: An Introductory Sociology—James M. Reinhardt and Paul Meadows—*Saunders*, 256 p., \$3.50. A textbook to give student nurses an appreciation of social problems, especially those particularly related to their profession.

SOUTH AMERICAN NON-MARINE SHELLS: Further Remarks and Descriptions—Fritz Haas—*Chicago Natural History Museum*, 25 p., illus., paper, 60 cents.

THE STORY OF PEOPLE: Anthrology for Young People—May Edel—*Little, Brown*, 197 p., illus., \$3.00. Explaining the differences and likenesses found in the peoples of the world and telling something of the ways of life they have developed so as to get along in their particular environment.

STRIKES—A STUDY IN INDUSTRIAL CONFLICT: With Special Reference to British Experience Between 1911 and 1947—K. G. J. C. Knowles—*Philosophical Library*, 330 p., \$8.75. The first part of this statistical study is descriptive and the second part is analytical, dealing with the causes and effect of strikes.

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THE TV TELEFIXIT BOOK: TV Troubles Quickly Solved—John P. Kennelly—*Telefixit*, rev. ed., 64 p., illus., paper, 50 cents. A book in non-technical language for the television set owner to enable him to know what is wrong with his set and, if he has the courage, try to set it right.

THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES OF NITROGEN—O. T. Bloomer and K. N. Rao—*Institute of Gas Technology*, 28 p., illus., paper, \$3.50, supplementary "Mollier Chart for Nitrogen" and "Compressibility Chart for Nitrogen" wall charts from above bulletin, 2 charts, \$3.50. Proposals have been made to remove nitrogen from natural gas prior to transmission to increase pipeline effectiveness.

THE TORTOISE BEETLES OF CHINA (Chrysomelidae: Cassidinae)—J. Linsley Gressitt—*California Academy of Sciences*, 158 p., illus., paper, \$2.50. One of the difficulties in identifying these insects is their peculiar changing coloration. It is the result of a combination of structural and functional effects, involving both the reflection of light rays from layers in the cuticle and the presence of body fluid between the layers.

TREATMENT OF MENTAL DISORDER—Leo Alexander—*Saunders*, 507 p., illus., \$10.00. The chief purpose of the book is declared by the author to be to demonstrate as specifically as possible how psychic and physical aids to psychiatric treatment must be used as one instrument of therapy.

THE TREE ON THE ROAD TO TURNTOWN—Glenn O. Blough—*Whittlesey House*, 48 p., illus., \$2.00. An attractive book for children presents the biography of an oak tree from the time it was something stirring within an acorn until its wood was made into a ship and a bridge and a house. Animals and birds have parts in the drama.

UNDERSTANDING THE WEATHER: A Revision of Knowing the Weather—T. Morris Longstreth—*Macmillan*, 118 p., illus., \$2.50. With the aid of this book you can better understand "what it is doing" and learn to predict "what it is going to do," or at least know what the official weather predictions are talking about.

USE OF ANTIBIOTICS IN TROPICAL DISEASES—H. W. Brown, Ed.—*New York Academy of Sciences*, 317 p., illus., paper, \$4.00. Bringing together reports of workers in far corners of the world showing which antibiotics are useful against what diseases.

VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY: An Introduction to the Comparative Anatomy, Embryology and Evolution of Chordate Animals—G. R. de Beer—*Sidgwick and Jackson (Macmillan)*, rev. ed., 435 p., illus., \$5.50. In this text a description of types is followed by the comparative treatment of various organ systems.

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