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HOW ANIMALS MOVE: The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 1951—James Gray—*Cambridge University Press*, 114 p., illus., \$3.00. These Christmas lectures are intended to introduce young people to various aspects of science. Here are described the many ways by which animals get about—the squirming worm, leaping salmon and soaring bat, among many others.

LAND BIRDS OF AMERICA—Robert Cushman Murphy and Dean Amadon—*McGraw-Hill*, 240 p., illus., \$12.50. A gorgeous book published with the cooperation of the American Museum of Natural History.

MANAGING YOUR CORONARY—William A. Brams—*Lippincott*, 158 p., illus., \$2.95. A physician writes this non-technical book telling how to live with heart disease.

MENTAL HEALTH AND MS—Molly Harrower—*National Multiple Sclerosis Society*, 42 p., illus., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, 270 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Tests show that MS patients show no unusual mental disturbances or intellectual impairment. Neither is there any "typical personality" of MS patients. This booklet helps the patient live with his disease and make the most of his capabilities. The author is a psychologist.

METHOD AND THEORY IN EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY—Charles E. Osgood—*Oxford University Press*, 800 p., illus., \$10.00. Stressing, for undergraduate majors and graduate psychology students, the close interrelatedness of fact and theory, and directing their thinking toward as yet unsolved problems needing further research.

MISS PICKERELL GOES UNDERSEA—Ellen MacGregor—*Whittlesey House*, 127 p., illus., \$2.25. Scientific information about the ocean depths is presented for young people, sugar coated by Miss Pickerell's adventures in a diving outfit.

PLANT DISEASES: The Yearbook of Agriculture 1953—Curtis May, Chairman, Yearbook Committee—*Govt. Printing Office*, 940 p., illus., \$2.50. Plant diseases cost us an estimated three billion dollars a year. (See p. 249.)

PROGRESS OF LITERACY IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES: A Preliminary Statistical Study of Available Census Data Since 1900—*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*, 224 p., illus., paper, \$1.50. Not only does the amount of literacy vary in different countries, but also the rate of progress differs. In Finland, for example, the average decennial rate of progress is 36%; in Egypt it is 5%.

THE ROLE OF GROWTH HORMONE IN CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM—R. C. de Bodo and M. W. Sinkoff—*New York Academy of Sciences*, 37 p., illus., paper, \$1.00. Reporting studies undertaken to determine whether or not anterior pituitary factors other than ACTH have a role in the regulations of normal carbohydrate metabolism.

STEPS IN PSYCHOTHERAPY: Study of a Case of Sex-Fear Conflict—John Dollard, Frank Auld, Jr., and Alice Marsden White—*Macmillan*, 222 p., \$3.50. The therapeutic techniques of the authors are based on theory advanced by Dollard and Neal Miller; it is described as a blend of reinforcement learning theory and psychoanalysis. Instruction is given on how to conduct "brief psychotherapy."

A TIME FOR SLEEP: How the Animals Rest—Millicent Selsam—*Scott*, 56 p., illus., \$2.00. How does a goldfish sleep? What does a giraffe do with his neck when he sleeps? These are samples of the questions answered in this attractive child's book.


THE USE OF VERNACULAR LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION—*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*, 156 p., paper, \$1.00. The number of languages spoken in the world today runs into many hundreds. Many have no written form. For this and other reasons, over one-half of the world's population is illiterate.

THE WAY OF A SHIP: Being Some Account of the Ultimate Development of the Ocean-Going Square-Rigged Sailing Vessel, and the Manner of Her Handling, Her Voyage-Making, Her Personnel, Her Economics, Her Performance, and Her End—Alan Villiers—*Scribner's*, 429 p., illus., \$6.50. Telling in non-technical language how the big old-time sailing ships were handled and recounting some anecdotes of the sea.

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