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A LOW-COST SAMPLER FOR MEASUREMENT OF LOW CONCENTRATION OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE—J. Deane Sensenbaugh and W. C. L. Hemeon—Mellon Institute, 4 p., illus., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, 4400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Pa. Hydrogen sulfide is an air pollutant that causes tarnishing of silverware and the blackening of lead paint.

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NOTES ON THE ANT NOVOMESSOR MANNI WHEELER AND CREIGHTON—Paul B. Kanno

—University of Michigan Press, 6 p., paper, 10 cents.

NUTRITION UNDER CLIMATIC STRESS: A Symposium Sponsored by the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute for the Armed Forces, Quartermaster Research and Development Command, U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, December 4-5, 1952—Harry Spector and Martin S. Peterson, Eds.—Quartermaster Food and Container Institute for the Armed Forces, 203 p., illus., paper, free upon request to publisher, 1819 West Pershing Road, Chicago 9, Ill.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATIONS: A Directory of Unofficial Organizations in the Field of Public Administration in the United States and Canada 1954—Herbert Emmerich, Director—Public Administration Clearing House, 7th ed., 150 p., \$2.50. Describing over 500 national organizations.

ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINERY—Crow Electric-Craft, 256 p., illus., paper, \$3.50. Adapted from a manual used in the Navy's "Common-Core" training program for electrical and electronic technicians.

SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE INSTRUCTION—John S. Richardson, Ed.—National Science Teachers Association, 266 p., illus., \$5.50. Directed to those who have responsibility for planning and teaching, particularly school administrators, science supervisors and science teachers.

SCIENCE AND CIVILISATION IN CHINA: Volume I, Introductory Orientations—Joseph Needham with the research assistance of Wang Ling—Cambridge University Press, 318 p., illus., \$10.00. Tracing the early beginnings of science in China and the first interchanges of ideas between China and the West.

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STATISTICS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN 1952-53—Mabel C. Rice and Arthur S. Hill—Govt. Printing Office, Chapter 5, Biennial Survey of Education in the United States, 1952-54, 78 p., paper, 30 cents. Based on information from 4,966 returned questionnaires.

STUDYING AND LEARNING—Max Meenes—Doubleday, Doubleday Papers in Psychology, 68 p., paper, 95 cents. A helpful book especially for college students.

VARIABLES IN MONTHLY DUST FALL MEASUREMENTS—J. Deane Sensenbaugh and W. C. L. Hemeon—Mellon Institute, 6 p., paper, free upon request direct to publisher, 4400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Pa. The fall varies from a low of five tons per square mile per month in summer in suburban areas to a high of 125 tons in winter near industrial areas.

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