

Books of the Week

For the editorial information of our readers, books received for review since last week's issue are listed. For convenient purchase of any U. S. book in print, send a remittance to cover retail price (postage will be paid) to Book Department, Science Service, 1719 N Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Request free publications direct from publisher, not from Science Service.

APPLICATION OF DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VELOCITY OF SOUND AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES IN ORGANIC LIQUIDS—Dudley Thompson and N. N. Bakhshi—*Virginia Polytechnic Institute*, Engineering Experiment Station Series No. 100, 26 p., paper, 25 cents.

THE AXIAL VARIATION OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD IN SOLENOIDS OF FINITE THICKNESS—Dillon E. Mapother and James N. Snyder—*University of Illinois Engineering Experiment Station*, Circular No. 66, 93 p., illus., paper, \$1.00. Report of an investigation conducted by the Experiment Station in cooperation with the U. S. Army Office of Ordnance Research. Presents tables, compiled with the aid of an electronic computer, to aid in designing solenoids.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF CORROSION 1950-1951: A Compilation of Corrosion Abstracts—*National Association of Corrosion Engineers*, Publication No. 55-4, 435 p., \$12.50. Includes 4,454 abstracts from some 500 periodicals and books.

CHILD DRAMA—Peter Slade with a Foreword by Dame Sybil Thorndike—*Philosophical Library*, 379 p., illus., \$10.00. Pointing out that there exists a child drama, an art form

in its own right, displayed even in early infancy.

COLLEGE CHEMISTRY: An Introductory Textbook of General Chemistry—Linus Pauling—*Freeman*, 2d ed., 685 p., illus., \$6.00. In this new edition an attempt has been made to increase the clarity and to add to the amount of organic chemistry covered.

CORN AND CORN IMPROVEMENT—George F. Sprague, Ed.—*Academic*, 699 p., illus., \$11.50. Emphasis is on the present state of our knowledge of corn growing.

FIG VARIETIES: A Monograph—Ira J. Condit—*California College of Agriculture*, 216 p., illus., paper, limited number free upon request direct to publisher, Agricultural Publications, Room 22, Giannini Hall, Berkeley 4, Calif. The Mission fig of California was introduced over 400 years ago by Spanish explorers and had previously been propagated in Spain for many centuries.

INTRODUCTION TO PARASITOLOGY: With Special Reference to the Parasites of Man—Asa C. Chandler—*Wiley*, 9th ed., 799 p., illus., \$8.50. An introductory textbook that includes coverage of parasites important in veterinary medicine.

MATERIAL AND LABOR ANALYSIS, HOUSE FRAMING SYSTEMS—Joseph H. Orendorff, director—*Govt. Printing Office*, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Housing Research Paper No. 33, 125 p., illus., paper, 65 cents. Reporting investigations designed to provide comparative figures on various framing practices.

MEET THE SCIENCES: A Booklist for the General Reader—Science Committee—*New Jersey Library Association*, 5th ed., 6 p., paper, 10 cents. A selection of readable books on various aspects of science.

NEW METHODS IN ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY—Ronald Belcher and Cecil L. Wilson—*Reinhold*, 287 p., illus., \$5.50. A compilation of newer methods based on classical techniques.

OPERATION MOON—R. Will Burnett—*Science Research Associates*, 48 p., illus., paper, 50 cents. Intended for high-school readers, describing the problems of space travel.

PHOTOGRAPHY HANDBOOK—Joseph Daffron, Ed.—*Arco*, 144 p., illus., \$2.00. A book of practical hints and instructions for the camera fan.

PLANTS WITHOUT FLOWERS—Harold Bastin—*Philosophical Library*, 146 p., illus., \$6.00. Describing an inconspicuous part of the plant kingdom that, nevertheless, has a great importance in industry and agriculture as well as in medicine.

PRACTICAL PHYSICS—Marsh W. White, Kenneth V. Manning and Robert L. Weber—*McGraw-Hill*, 2d ed., 484 p., illus., \$5.50. An introductory textbook with a whole section devoted to experiments.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND LOANS: Volume III—S. Norman Feingold—*Bellman*, 471 p., \$10.00. Contains a section on planning your career and a list of scholarships and student aids, arranged alphabetically.

STRESSES AROUND MINE OPENINGS IN SOME SIMPLE GEOLOGIC STRUCTURES—R. D. Caudle and G. B. Clark—*University of Illinois Engineering Experiment Station*, Bulletin No. 430, 42 p., illus., paper, 65 cents. Concerned with

the rock stresses existing before the introduction of mine openings and those resulting from the introduction.

TV MANUFACTURERS' RECEIVER TROUBLE CURES: Volume 7—Milton S. Snitzer, Ed.—*Rider*, 128 p., illus., paper, \$1.80. Cures offered by the makers themselves for troubles they foresee may arise in their products. This volume covers sets from General Electric to Raytheon.

TV REPAIR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON VIDEO CIRCUITS—Sidney Platt—*Rider*, 128 p., illus., paper, \$2.10. To help the technician in troubleshooting.

THIS WORLD OF OURS—Abram Glaser—*Philosophical Library*, 492 p., \$5.00. Outlining what the author considers basic in respect to both the physical aspects of the world and world culture and development.

TRANSPLANTATION OF TISSUES: Cartilage, Bone, Fascia, Tendon, and Muscle—Lyndon A. Peer—*Williams & Wilkins*, Volume I, 421 p., illus., \$13.50. The author is a combination of practical surgeon and research scientist, and is the inventor of diced cartilage grafts.

TREATISE ON INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY: Part E, Archaeocyatha and Porifera—Raymond C. Moore, Ed.—*Geological Society of America and University of Kansas Press*, 122 p., illus., \$3.00. Nearly 150 specialists are contributors to this treatise, prepared under the guidance of a committee of paleontologist societies in England.

VETERANS OF THE ROAD: The History of Veteran Cars and the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain—Elizabeth Nagle, Technical data by Dennis Field, foreword by S. C. H. Davis—*Arco*, 239 p., illus., \$3.75. A book to delight the old-car enthusiast.

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