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Conservation of Natural Resources-Guy-Harold Smith, Ed.—Wiley, 2nd ed., 474 p., illus., \$8.50. Nineteen specialists survey the present needs, aims, methods, and accomplishments of conservation in the U.S.

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INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINCIPLES-Lewis Larmore—Prentice-Hall, 229 p., illus., \$8. Scientific laws of photography together with their practical applications.

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Machines-Jerome S. Meyer-World Pub. Co., 64 p., illus. by John Polgreen, \$2.50. Introduces in simple language the principles of the wheel and axle, the lever, the screw, and the wedge. For ages 9 to 14.

METABOLIC DISTURBANCES IN CLINICAL MEDI-CINE-G. A. Smart, Ed.-Little, 358 p., illus., \$10. For the physician who has not specialized in this aspect of medicine. Bibliographies in-

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A PERIODIC TABLE FOR FUNDAMENTAL PARTI-CLES—John J. Grebe—N. Y. Acad. of Sciences, Annals, Vol. 76, Art. 1, 15 p., illus., paper, \$1.50. Analysis of data and a possible sequence of geometric configurations based upon it.

PRINCIPLES OF QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS —Walter Thirring, transl. from the German by J. Bernstein—Academic, 234 p., \$8. With corrections and additions by the author.

PROGRESS REPORT ON SCIENCE PROGRAMS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: Senate Report No.



2498-Subcommittee on Reorganization and International Organizations, Hubert H. Humphrey, Chairman-Govt. Printing Office, 64 p., paper, 25¢. A summary of legislative and administrative actions taken to implement the Science and Technology Act of 1958.

RECOMMENDED METHODS FOR THE MICROBIO-LOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOODS—Harry E. Goresline, Ed., preface by Ferdinand R. Hassler— Am. Public Health Ass'n, 207 p., \$4.50. Manual for public health laboratory personnel.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES IN SIX STATE GOVERN-MENTS: Summary Report on a Survey, Fiscal Year 1954-National Science Foundation-Printing Office, 62 p., graphs, paper, 40¢. Based on studies in California, Connecticut, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

STAMP CURIOSITIES—R. J. Sutton—Philosophical Lib., 285 p., illus., \$6. A tour of the world portrayed in stamps, from Afghanistan to

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THE STRUCTURE OF STEEL: A Simple Explanation for Students, Engineers, and Buyers of Steel—Edwin Gregory and Eric N. Simons-Philosophical Lib., 176 p., illus., \$10.

SURGICAL CONVALESCENCE—F. Curtis Dohan, Ed .- N. Y. Acad. of Sciences, 155 p., illus., paper, \$4. Monograph makes investigations in this field available both for further research and for practice.

TALANTA: An International Journal of Analytical Chemistry, Vol. I, Nos. 1 & 2—C. L. Wilson, Editor-in-Chief—Pergamon, 196 p., illus., paper, quarterly, annual subscription \$17.

TAN's FISH—Ruthven Todd—Little, 58 p., illus. by Theresa Sherman, \$2.75. Charming story for children about a Cantonese boy who found a rare tropical fish.

TECHNICAL DRAWING-Frederick A. Giesecke, Alva Mitchell and Henry Cecil Spencer—Mac-millan, 4th ed., 844 p., illus., \$10. Standard reference for the engineering draughtsman.

Television Factbook, Fall-Winter 1958: The Standard Reference of the Television & Associated Electronics Arts and Industries-Television Digest, 492 p., map, paper, \$5.

THEORETICAL ELECTROMAGNETISM -- W. Myers—Butterworth (Canada), 274 p., illus., \$8.50. Introductory course for physics students.

WIDER THAN THE SKY: Aviation as a Career -Charles Michael Daugherty-Harcourt, 158 p., illus., \$2.95. Traces the development of aviation and stresses present opportunities in this field for young men and women.

WILD TREASURE: The Story of David Douglas -Adrien Stoutenburg and Laura Nelson Baker ---Scribner, 216 p., \$2.95. Biography of the Scottish botanist who has given his name to the Douglas fir. For teenagers.

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