

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR AND TEACHERS' ATTITUDES—E. K. Wickman—*Commonwealth Fund* (\$2). A statistical and analytical study of how teachers react when children become "problems." The statistical part of the survey deals chiefly with the attitudes of teachers toward various types of undesirable behavior. A discussion of mental hygiene and social factors follows. The psychologist recommends for teachers a more general knowledge of what constitutes normal child behavior, and advocates that they should be instructed so that they can treat behavior problems by dealing with the underlying factors of the child's emotion and experience.

Education—Psychology
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DIGHTON ROCK—Edmund Burke Delabarre—*Walter Neale* (\$6). A complete account of the numerous theories that have gathered about the pictographs on the famous Dighton Rock, in Massachusetts. Aside from Prof. Delabarre's scholarly survey of the old material and his entertaining discussions of the Phoenician theory, the Atlantis theory, the Chinese theory, the Lost Tribes of Israel tradition, and what not, he has an original contribution to make. His discovery after all this time of traces of a name, read as Miguel Cortereal, and the date 1511, would seem to solve one of the old Portuguese exploration mysteries and would establish Dighton Rock as the oldest historic record in New England. Supplementary chapters deal with other New England pictographs. There is an unusual chapter in which the psychologist returns to his own profession and appraises his fellow scientists who have worked on the Dighton Rock problem and points out the psychological factors involved.

Archaeology
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GROWTH—William Jacob Robbins, Samuel Brody, Albert Garland Hogan, Clarence Martin Jackson, Charles Wilson Greene—*Yale University Press* (\$3). The book comprises five popular lectures on growth. Both animal and plant life are included. Such factors as growing old, nutrition, and form are discussed, as well as physiological factors regulating normal and pathological growth. The book is well illustrated with plates and charts.

Anatomy—Physiology
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CONQUERING THE AIR—Archibald Williams—*Thomas Nelson & Sons* (\$2.). A revision of one of the popular books on the progress of aviation.

Aeronautics
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THE PICTURE BOOK OF FLYING—Frank Dobias—*Macmillan* (\$2). The history of aeronautics from Daedalus to today told in brief text and somewhat modernistic art.

Aviation
Science News-Letter, February 23, 1929

PRACTICAL FLIGHT TRAINING—Barrett Studley—*Macmillan* (\$5). An air-struck youth starting out to be a pilot needs this book, written by a Navy flight instructor, to transmit to him as well as paper and ink can the fine points of serious flying.

Aviation
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IF YOU WANT TO FLY—Alexander Klemin—*Coward, McCann* (\$2.50). Written for boys in dialogue form. A New York University professor of aeronautics administers painlessly to the reader the essential facts of aviation.

Aviation
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THE KRASSIN—Maurice Parijanine—Translated by Lawrence Brown—*Macaulay* (\$2.50). A thrilling story of the Nobile disaster written without regard for censorious niceties and from a Russian viewpoint. It takes a place on the shelf devoted to the history of Arctic exploration.

Exploration
Science News-Letter, February 23, 1929

PETROLEUM AND COAL—W. T. Thom, Jr.—*Princeton University Press* (\$2.50). Full of facts about the great fossil fuels of today and tomorrow, this volume by a former U. S. Geological specialist now on the Princeton faculty is the latest and a readable summary of petroleum and coal.

Geology
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WHAT IS EUGENICS?—Leonard Darwin—*Watts* (7d). The book answers the question of the title in simple, readable language. It is meant for those who are puzzled by such terms as eugenics, heredity, contraception and the like which are now frequently appearing in newspapers and journals.

Eugenics
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SHORT HISTORY OF MEDICINE—Charles Singer—*Oxford* (\$3). The author rightfully believes that medical science has reached a position so important that all educated persons should have some knowledge of the subject. The stirring history of the development of this science is told, with emphasis on the modern period, and in simple, untechnical language which the lay reader can understand and enjoy. The book is interestingly illustrated.

Medicine
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RECENT ADVANCES IN CHEMISTRY IN RELATION TO MEDICAL PRACTICE—W. McKim Marriott—*Mosby* (\$2.50). Chemical advances in medicine have been bewilderingly rapid in recent years. In recognition of this fact, this book was written as an aid to medical practitioners, but it will be helpful to other scientists as well. The book is not limited to a consideration of those phases of chemistry having an immediate clinical application.

Chemistry—Medicine
Science News-Letter, February 23, 1929

PHYSIOLOGY OF BONE—R. Leriche and A. Policard—*Mosby* (\$5). This is the authorized English translation by Sherwood More and J. Albert Key. The book is an important monograph on normal and pathological physiology of bone, written for physicians and surgeons, and having as one of its prime objects the stimulation of further research on the subject.

Medicine
Science News-Letter, February 23, 1929

THE NORMAL DIET—W. D. Sansum—*Mosby* (\$1.50). This is the second edition of Dr. Sansum's little book. It gives menus for normal diet and discusses and explains the food requirements of the body.

Nutrition
Science News-Letter, February 23, 1929

DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE—Elmer D. Brothers—*Mosby* (\$2.25). The book explains clearly and simply the principles and rules of law which affect the dentist both individually and professionally. It will be equally helpful to the physician, since the principles involved are the same. The author has been presenting this material to classes of dental students in the University of Illinois for many years, and he is also lecturer in the John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

Law—Medicine
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