

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

AMERICAN PLANTS FOR AMERICAN GARDENS—Edith A. Roberts and Elsa Rehmann—*Macmillan* (\$2). The gospel that we should depend on worthy native ornament trees and shrubs, instead of the inevitable transplanted Europeans and Orientals which most nurserymen will foist on us if we give them a chance, has been well preached and is beginning to be well accepted. But the present authors take a long and most praiseworthy step in advance of this. They show the home owner how to select the particular native species that will be ecologically at ease in the background he gives them: prairie plants for the prairie setting, pinewoods plants for a home in the pines. The really knowing home planter will welcome this book with enthusiasm.

Horticulture—Ecology
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

HOW YOU BEGAN—Amabel Williams-Ellis—*Coward McCann* (\$1.20). Elementary embryology, trimmed down to small-child's size vocabulary. A good deal of the recapitulation theory gets in, of necessity; and there is an extra chapter on evolution in general. J. B. S. Haldane writes an enthusiastic introduction.

Biology
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

MY ANIMAL FRIENDSHIPS—Cherry Kearton—*Dodd, Mead* (\$1). Adventures in friendship with a rat, a cheetah, a mongoose, a penguin, an elephant and a spider, told for children.

Zoology
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

SAFARI—Martin Johnson—*Putnam's* (\$5). How you get to Big Game land, what you see and do when you get there, and how you come home again, fascinatingly told by one of the world's best-known travelers into little-known places.

Travel—Zoology
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

IN JAVA—John C. Van Dyke—*Scribners* (\$2.50). Seas and towns, rivers and mountains, men and animals of a far-away world brought home by a traveler who knows how to look sharply and comment tersely.

Geography—Natural History
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

THE MEANING OF LIFE AS SHOWN IN THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION—C. E. M. Joad—*Watts*—(? d). A brief treatise from the rationalist's point of view.

Evolution
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

POPULAR PSYCHOLOGY—A. A. Roback—*Sci-Art, Cambridge* (\$2.50). An introduction to psychology for the reader who shies at wading through a college text, but who is looking for a book that will answer his questions on psychology. There is a long chapter on what psychology is; then one hundred questions that the reader may answer to test his memory and understanding of the facts; then exercises and problems; discussions on character analysis, emotions, psychoanalysis; a list of psychological publications, and so on. The book is called a handbook rather than a text.

Psychology
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

AN ANTHOLOGY OF RECENT PHILOSOPHY—Daniel Sommer Robinson—*Crowell* (\$4). Philosophy is often considered a subject which is the peculiar property of past ages and yet here is a compilation of the writings, not of the ancient philosophers, but of those of our own time. Among the names of those from whom selections are taken are William James, Will Durant, John Dewey, J. H. Muirhead, Bertrand Russell, George Santayana, Oswald Spengler.

Philosophy
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

DEVELOPMENT AND PURPOSE—L. T. Hobhouse—*Macmillan* (\$6). Mental evolution has consisted in the development of consciousness, particularly self-consciousness, in the opinion of this well-known philosopher. The growth of this development is traced by him. Second edition revised.

Philosophy
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

WHAT IS THE MIND?—George T. W. Patrick—*Macmillan* (\$2.50). A professor of philosophy explains what mind is, in terms of psychology and of evolution. Views of Plato and other outstanding thinkers of the past are brought into the discussion, and their contributions are assayed in the light of modern knowledge, so that the reader may set in order the progress of thought on this age-old problem. That the subject of the mind is a live one scientifically at this time is shown by Dr. Frederick's statement that in the past fifty years more progress has been made in solving the riddle of the mind than in all the centuries since Aristotle.

Philosophy
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

THE SURGICAL OPERATIONS ON PRESIDENT CLEVELAND IN 1893, TOGETHER WITH SIX ADDITIONAL PAPERS OF REMINISCENCES—William W. Keen—*J. B. Lippincott* (\$1.50). At the age of 90 the venerable and venerated Dr. Keen recalls many interesting incidents of his life and shows what great changes have taken place in the practice of surgery during his long career. Besides the title topics, he gives in this volume personal recollections of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, a sketch of Louis Pasteur, an episode of the second battle of Bull Run, and "What It Costs to Become a Doctor."

Medicine
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

CRAFTSMANSHIP AND SCIENCE—Sir William H. Bragg—*Watts* (?d). The brilliant presidential address delivered at the 1928 meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, made available as a low-priced pamphlet.

General Science
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

ENRICHED TEACHING OF SCIENCE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL—Maxie N. Woodring, M. E. Oakes and H. E. Brown—*Teachers' Coll.* (\$1.50). A source book for teachers of science, listing chiefly free and low cost illustrative and supplementary materials.

Pedagogy
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

URBAN INFLUENCES ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES—Parke R. Kolbe—*Macmillan* (\$2). Higher education in recent years has come to the city like many other functions of modern life. The effects that have been produced by this development are considered in this volume sponsored by the American Association for Adult Education.

Education
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

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Music—Psychology
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

Books—Continued

PHYSICAL REVIEW SUPPLEMENT—Published by the *American Physical Society* (\$4 per year). The first number of this new publication in physics, which will give opportunity for the issuance of resumes, discussions and lengthy treatments of material which cannot be included in the *Physical Review*, is scheduled for June.

Physics
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHINA—Edward Thomas Williams—*Harper's* (\$5). To present in less than seven hundred pages the history of a three-thousand-year-old civilization is no mean undertaking. This work is well presented and indexed—and never dry.

Oriental History
Science News-Letter, March 30, 1929

GEOGRAPHY AND OUR NEED OF IT—J. Russell Smith—*American Library Assn.* (paper, 35c., cloth, 50c.). Mr. Smith conceives of geography as the study—not of dry maps—but of an earth that is alive and interesting. This little book shows not only the need, but the fascination of geography study.

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