

# • First Glances at New Books

## Ethnology

MAGIC AND MYSTERY IN TIBET—Alexandra David-Neel—*Claude Kendall*, 320 p., \$3.75. The world has become familiar with the superficial queer-ness of Tibet. This book goes deeper, into the mysticism and philosophy of the strangest of living people. Madame David-Neel writes from an exceptional vantage point, for she is a European woman who has taken on Tibetan ways even to becoming a Buddhist and acquiring the rank of a Lama. She describes mystic banquet rites in cemeteries, psychic sports, demons and ghosts, and also the spiritual training of the Tibetan religious disciples. At the end she expresses the hope that her account may interest competent scientists in investigating the psychic phenomena of Tibet.

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## Horticulture

GARDENS AND GARDENING, 1932—Edited by F. A. Mercer—*Rudge, New York*, 122 p., \$4.50. A garden annual picturing and describing some of the most gracious of English gardens. American home-developers will find many useful suggestions for design and for architectural settings, though of course horticultural practices in this country must necessarily differ from those of England.

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## Horticulture-Botany

WESTERN AMERICAN ALPINES—Ira N. Gabrielson—*Macmillan*, 271 p., \$3.50. Rock gardening in this country has now demonstrated itself as an established method of home grounds ornamentation and no fad, so that an inquiry into the availability of native plants, especially from the great reservoir of the West, is very much in order. The author writes intimately in the first person, with an atmosphere of chumminess with his herbs and shrubs, that makes them seem naturalized into your garden even before they are planted there.

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## Archaeology

SOME RESEMBLANCES IN THE CERAMICS OF CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICA—George C. Vaillant—*Privately printed for the Medallion, Globe, Ariz.*, 50 p. "This essay," writes Dr. Vaillant, "is not a treatise, but a suggestion to students for whom a rich field

of comparative material lies waiting whenever they feel disposed to undertake an exhaustive study of connections between Central and North America." "Suggestions" are often vague, but Dr. Vaillant has filled his essay with specific comments on cultural resemblances. Almost 200 of the vessel forms named in the text are shown in outline drawings. There is a twelve-page bibliography.

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## Social Science

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATIONS, Vol. II, Edited by Walter F. Willcox—*National Bureau of Economic Research*, 715 p., \$7. An impressive group of scholars from many countries has contributed to make this volume a truly monumental consideration of the wanderings of man upon the earth in recent years. Of statistical tables alone there are 270, while its twenty chapters are divided into three parts: Population of the earth, studies of national immigration currents, and studies of national emigration currents.

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## Zoology

THE MARINE AND FRESH-WATER SPONGES OF CALIFORNIA—M. W. de Laubenfels—*Smithsonian*, 140 p. Of interest to systematic zoologists.

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## Genetics

A TEXTBOOK OF GENETICS—A. W. Lindsey—*Macmillan*, 354 p., \$3. An unusually direct and clean-cut treatment of the whole subject of genetics as known today, which cannot help getting into the student's head if he has a head at all to put it in. The opening discussion of the history of genetics is complete in spite of its brevity; and the sane conservatism of the closing chapter on eugenics is equally to be recommended.

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## Engineering

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS, Vol. 32, Part I, Committee reports, tentative standards, 1069 p., \$6. Part II, Technical papers, 824 p., \$6.

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## Sociology-Engineering

HOME OWNERSHIP, INCOME AND TYPE OF DWELLINGS, Vol. IV, 230 p., \$1.15. FARM AND VILLAGE HOUSING, Vol. VII, 293 p., \$1.15. HOUSING OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS, Vol. XI, 345 p., \$1.15. *President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership*. These are volumes in the series of eleven books giving the results of the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. These publications comprise the most comprehensive study of the problems of home building and home ownership on a nation-wide basis that has yet been compiled. Volume IV covers ownership and leasing of houses, income in the home, low-cost housing, dwelling types and varieties and housing trends. Volume VII covers rural housing conditions and problems, design and construction, farmstead planning and beautification, economic and educational aspects. Volume XI contains a comprehensive report on technological developments together with addresses by President Hoover and others and committee reports on standards and objectives, research, legislation and administration, education and service and organization programs.

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## Chemistry-Engineering

OUR MINERAL CIVILIZATION—Thomas T. Read—*Williams and Wilkins*, 165 p., \$1. This new volume in the Century of Progress series tells of fuels, metals and non-metals, their origins, uses and importance, in a style at once highly readable and highly informative.

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## Physics

EXPERIMENTAL COLLEGE PHYSICS—Marsh William White—*McGraw-Hill*, 283 p., \$2.50. This laboratory manual of experiments in physics is not merely a compilation of directions for performing experiments, but includes a statement of important theory underlying each experiment together with suggestive questions and problems. It is the development of ten years at Pennsylvania State College.

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