

• First Glances at New Books

General Science

OFFICIAL GUIDE BOOK OF THE FAIR—*Century of Progress*, 194 p., 25c. Because the theme of Chicago's educational show is science, this guide is replete in information that the person interested in science will wish to have as a matter of general information. It is of course a time saver for those who journey to the fair.

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Sociology

PLANNING FOR THE SMALL AMERICAN CITY—Russell Van Nest Black and Mary Hedges Black—*Public Administration Service, Chicago*, 90 p., \$1. An outline of principles and procedure especially applicable to the city of 50,000 or less. The first part tells how to make the city plan, the second part explains what modern planning offers the small city, and the final part of the pamphlet deals with carrying out the city plans.

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Agriculture

FACTS FOR FARMERS—Compiled by Noble Clark—*Univ. of Wisconsin*, 144 p. The annual report for 1931-32 of the Director of the University of Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station.

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Economics

IMPACT OF THE DEPRESSION ON BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND REAL INCOME IN MINNESOTA—Edited by Roland S. Vaile—*Univ. of Minnesota Press*, 59 p., 75c. An economic study by six professors of the University of Minnesota.

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Sociology

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL PROCESSES—Edited by Emory S. Bogardus—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 154 p., \$1.50. Selected papers by representative American sociologists delivered at the 1931 Washington meeting of the American Sociological Society.

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Animal Psychology

AN INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL PSYCHOLOGY: THE BEHAVIOR OF THE RAT—Norman L. Munn—*Houghton Mifflin*, 439 p., \$3. An introduction to the problems and methods of animal psychology and a review of the literature on the behavior of this most wide-

ly used of laboratory animals. A comprehensive bibliography is included in an appendix.

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Psychology

THE APPROACH TO THE PARENT—Esther Heath—*The Commonwealth Fund*, 163 p., \$1.25. Child guidance experts found early in their experience that the greatest difficulty they have to face is not the problem child but his problem parents. This book gives helpful hints on how to deal with them tactfully but effectively. If you have children that sometimes worry you, this book will help you to look at your problems from a detached point of view. At the back of the book are reproduced leaflets used by the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic. One of these is entitled "Manners in Discipline." The title may start a new train of thought.

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Psychology

CHILDREN'S SLEEP—Samuel Renshaw, Vernon I. Miller, and Dorothy P. Marquis—*Macmillan*, 242 p., \$2. This volume is the report of an experimental study of the effect of the "movies" on the sleep of children. The youngsters in this study were shown a wide variety of films and the following increases or decreases in restlessness during sleep made a matter of interesting record. The possibility of eyestrain in children from the flicker frequencies in use was explored as were also the effects of loss of sleep and the influence of coffee.

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CHILD PSYCHOLOGY—Arthur T. Jersild—*Prentice-Hall*, 462 p., \$3. Based for the most part on the author's objective experiences with children in public schools, day nurseries, and nursery schools, particularly the Child Development Institute of Teachers College. Of special interest is the chapter on "The Child's Fears," which contains the results of Dr. Jersild's recent research on this subject.

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Astronomy

THE A B C OF THE HEAVENS—Ralph Baxter Larkin—*Star Map Association, Claremont, Calif.* 8 p., \$1. The secondary title of *A Primer-Atlas of the Stars for John Doe* is modestly appropriate. The amateur star gazer can find here a valuable fund of information. The accompanying charts have many novel features, particularly in the lettering. They are drawn on a large scale with the minimum amount of bothersome detail and background. The text serves as a guide for the use of the charts.

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Astronomy

STAR CHARTS—Ralph Baxter Larkin—*Star Map Associates*, 77c. Three charts identical with those in the above book, printed on board for convenience.

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Astronomy

THE SPANGLED HEAVENS—Lawrence Edwards—*Lippincott*, 115 p., \$1.25. An introduction to astronomy, written for the British public. It is a satisfactory brief introduction to the solar system, planets, comets and meteors, stars, and nebulae. The author is a "youthful student of the stars" and he writes for young people.

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Education—Research

ECONOMY IN HIGH EDUCATION—David S. Hill and Fred J. Kelly—*Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*, 127 p., Free. Prepared as an aid in the momentous task of university budget-making by the cooperative efforts of a staff associate of the Carnegie Foundation and a staff member of the U. S. Office of Education. Because of lack of printing fund due to the economy slashes in the Federal Government, the bulletin has been published by the Foundation. Where and how economies can be effected and what should be preserved receive consideration. In the chapter on research, the need is stressed for interstate, regional, and even national cooperation and planning.

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