

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

AN HOUR WITH THE MOVIES AND THE TALKIES—Gilbert Seldes—*Lippincott* (\$1). A stimulating discussion of a popular subject by an eminent critic, in which the author concludes: "The movie industry may fall or may re-form itself into a talkie industry; but the movie itself, with or without the talkie a part of its power and beauty, will persist."

Motion Pictures
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

A HISTORY OF EGYPT FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE END OF THE EIGHTEENTH DYNASTY (Two Volumes)—James Baikie—*Macmillan* (\$10.50). Egypt's cultural record and the careers of her kings and queens, viziers and architects can be entertaining as well as enlightening when told skilfully as in these volumes. The first volume opens with the land of Egypt and the beginnings of life there, and traces the evolution of the powerful, glittering civilization through 3,000 years. The second volume devotes equal space to 300 significant years of the eighteenth dynasty, the age of Queen Hatshepsut, of Akhenaten, and the boy Tutankhamen.

History
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

THE ILLUSTRATED MEDICAL DICTIONARY—W. A. N. Dorland—*Saunders* (\$7). The fifteenth edition of this standard work follows the custom of its predecessors by making a special feature of new words and terms, of which several thousand have been added. Another feature is the establishment of a definite standard in terminology, spelling, hyphenization, capitalization, etc. The editorial staff of the American Medical Association has re-edited the entire book.

Medicine
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

ETHNOGRAPHY—Loomis Havenmeyer—*Ginn* (\$4.80). Different branches of the human family set down in different parts of the earth have devised or improved for their own use customs, inventions, art, language. This book shows the student twenty groups, representing varying cultural developments in the four great races. The need for a basic text and reference book of this sort has been apparent, and Dr. Havenmeyer's well-arranged volume fills the gap admirably. There are many illustrations and some useful maps.

Ethnology
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY OF NUMBERS—Leonard Eugene Dickson—*University of Chicago Press* (\$3). In this book a leading mathematician has produced a work that will serve to introduce many students to a subject that has long engaged the attention of professional and amateur mathematicians. College algebra is the only prerequisite, except for one chapter on Diophantine equations.

Mathematics
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT—The bulk of the report surveys the work of the international Health Division of the Foundation. This part will be of particular interest to public health officers and nurses and the various unofficial agencies engaged in health work. There is also a section devoted to the Foundation's Division of Medical Education.

Medicine
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

PROTECTION OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND EQUIPMENT AGAINST LIGHTNING—*Government Printing Office* (25c). In this Bureau of Standards publication is found a complete discussion of an important phase of electrical engineering, that of protection from lightning damage.

Electrical Engineering
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

VITAMINS IN FOOD MATERIALS—Sybil L. Smith—*Government Printing Office* (15c). This report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be valuable to home economists and nutritionists because of the concise form in which is given the relative vitamin distribution in foods and because of the selected bibliography of literature referring to vitamin occurrence and technic of vitamin determination.

Dietetics
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE ON MIDWESTERN ARCHAEOLOGY HELD IN ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 18, 1929—*National Research Council* (\$1.25). This important meeting to promote the conservation, study, and public use of prehistoric sites of the Mississippi region brought together many specialists on prehistoric America. The papers on Indian mounds and Mound Builders which they read at the meeting and the discussions which followed, are published in this report.

Archæology
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

THE CONQUEST OF THOUGHT BY INVENTION—H. Stafford Hatfield—*Norton* (\$1). A little book in the "New Science Series". The author foresees the time a few centuries hence when the lives of our descendants will have become completely mechanized, but he believes that, as a psychological compensation, private life will revert to the simplicity of the savage, without its hardships.

Sociology
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

INVESTMENTS OF UNITED STATES CAPITAL IN LATIN AMERICA—Max Winkler—*World Peace Foundation* (\$2). Those interested in the utilization of the resources of America's southern neighbors will find this volume in a handbook to financial alignments in Latin America.

Economics—Political Science
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

INEDIBLE ANIMAL FATS IN THE UNITED STATES—L. B. Zapoleon—*Food Research Institute* (\$4). At first glance it may seem inappropriate that the Food Research Institute at Stanford should issue this comprehensive study of the economics of the production of inedible fat in the meat packing and the rendering industry. The reason is that, although advertisements do not stress the fact, almost any fat or grease can be rendered edible by modern refining methods. There is the greatest inter-relation, economically speaking, between the production of edible and inedible fats.

Economics—Chemistry
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

THE WAY OF THE SEA—Harold Peake and Herbert John Fleure—*Yale Univ. Press* (\$2). The sixth volume in the series of eight entitled "The Corridors of Time," in which the development of civilization is traced. This book deals with the period of from 2100 to 1600 B. C., and shows effects of broader travel and trade throughout the Old World.

Archæology—Ethnology
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930

ENVIRONMENT OF THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN—Dorothy Van Alstyne—*Teachers College, Columbia Univ.* (\$1.50). A statistical study of relationships between the quality of home surroundings and the intelligence scores achieved by children three years of age.

Psychology
Science News-Letter, January 18, 1930