

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

NATURE NARRATIVES—Austin H. Clark—*Williams and Wilkins* (\$1). Mr. Clark, one of the most versatile of all American zoologists, gives us here a most appetizing platter of natural history *hors d'oeuvres*: butterflies, fishes, sea-lilies, stegosaurus and diatoms, spiced with little-known or often ignored facts about them. Since the title page bears the promissory inscription, "Volume I," we may infer that more little books like this may be expected soon. They will be welcome.

Natural History
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THE MAKING OF CHEMISTRY—Benjamin Harrow—*John Day* (\$2). A history of chemistry written for the layman, each chapter built around the personality of some great chemist.

Chemistry
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

MARKET DATA HANDBOOK OF UNITED STATES—Paul W. Stewart—*Domestic Commerce Division* (\$2.50). In these days of modern business, statistical information is the foundation of economical marketing and sales operation. Uncle Sam in his capacity of statistician in this volume displays for industry a part of the purchasing power of the nation.

Economics
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

THE MOHAVE DESERT REGION, CALIFORNIA—David G. Thompson—*U. S. Government Printing Office* (\$2). The Mohave Desert has always been a region of romance and mystery to the public at large, and to the geologist and geographer the romance and the mystery have been heightened rather than diminished by the many scientific problems offered by this particular sector of the "Great American Desert." In bringing forth this comprehensive reconnaissance of the geography, geology and hydrography of the Mohave, Dr. Thompson has not broken the spell, for though it answers some of the questions well, it blocks out still more problems which may still be worked.

Geology
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

A STUDY OF THE TOOTH-BILLED RED TANAGER, PIRANGA FLAVA—John T. Zimmer—*Field Museum*. Of interest to students of ornithology.

Ornithology
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA: SECTION IV: GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES, INCLUDING MINERALOGY—*Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa*. Contains a number of papers on Canadian geology, led by an essay on The Educational Function of the Geological Sciences by R. C. Wallace, F. R. S. C.

Geology
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

THE CORN BORER IN CENTRAL EUROPE—K. W. Babcock and A. M. Vance—*U. S. Government Printing Office* (20c.). This study of the latest major grain pest to invade our country as it lives in its original home will be of use and interest not only to the technical workers engaged in the corn-borer fight but also to teachers and students who must eventually become participants in the warfare as the borer extends its operations.

Entomology
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

THE SUMMER BIRDS OF THE NORTHERN ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS—Aretas A. Saunders—*Roosevelt Wild Life Forest Experiment Station* (\$1). This issue of the Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin (vol. 5, No. 3) will be of interest and use not only to the professional zoologist but to the nature-loving many whose good judgment and good fortune take them into the northern Adirondacks for their vacations. An interesting appendix to this book is a reprinting of a catalog of the birds of the region, by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and H. D. Minot, first published in 1877.

Ornithology
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PROCEEDINGS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ENTOMOLOGY—Edited by K. Jordan and W. Horn—*Gottfr. Pätz, Naumburg a/Saale, Germany* (\$20). The scientific records of this, the first international congress of entomology to be held in the United States, are to appear in two volumes, of which vol. II (Transactions) has now been completed. This volume collects the important papers which were presented at Ithaca in 1928, the title page listing 148. The set when completed will, of course, be a necessity for all entomological libraries that attempt completeness.

Entomology
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

POPULAR RESEARCH NARRATIVES, Vol. III—Engineering Foundation—Williams and Wilkins (\$1). These brief stories of research, invention and discovery, of which this is the third volume, constitute an authentic and interesting chronicle of the progress of applied science. Written in the simple language by the men who have brought about the industrial and scientific progress they describe, their publication is one of the many useful activities of the Engineering Foundation.

General Science
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KEY-CATALOGUE OF PARASITES REPORTED FOR PRIMATES (MONKEYS AND LEMURS) WITH THEIR POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPORTANCE, and KEY-CATALOGUE OF PRIMATES FOR WHICH PARASITES ARE REPORTED—C. W. Stiles, Albert Hassall and Mabelle Orleman Nolan—*U. S. Government Printing Office* (35c.). Our lesser cousins on the other side of the cage bars share our itches and ailments to the same extent that they share our ultimate physical ancestry; it is for this reason that they are favored above the cheaper dog and the more prolific guinea pig for really critical experiments. In getting together between the covers of one compact pamphlet a complete list of all primate-infesting parasites from insects down to bacteria, together with an equally complete list of the animals they infest, this group of workers in the U. S. Public Health Service have performed a distinct service to all their colleagues in the medical and physiological fields.

Parasitology—Mammalogy
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

A REMARKABLE GROUND SLOTH—Richard Swann Lull—*Yale University Press* (\$1). A detailed account of the finding of the completely preserved *Nothrotherium* skeleton which was more than a nine-days' wonder in the public prints a few months ago, together with a description of the specimen, well illustrated with photographic plates of details and of a restoration of the animal by Professor Lull.

Paleontology
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930

CHECK LIST OF THE PLEUROCARPOUS MOSSES OF NORTH AMERICA NORTH OF MEXICO—A. J. Grout—*Grout, 1 Vine St., New Brighton, New York* (25c.). A little vest-pocket size pamphlet which field botanists will find very handy to have along on field trips.

Botany
Science News-Letter, January 25, 1930