

FIRST GLANCES AT NEW BOOKS

SOCIAL CONTROL OF THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE—Stanley P. Davies—*Crowell*, 389 pp., \$3. The day of looking upon the feeble-minded with superstition or despair is gone. This excellent book describes the changing concepts and new development of facts regarding the mentally handicapped. It shows how practical methods are being devised to make the most of the abilities of the feeble-minded and at the same time to safeguard society against those cases that are social hazards.

Sociology—Psychiatry
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

INSTRUCTIONAL TESTS IN CHEMISTRY—Earl R. Glenn and Ellsworth S. Obourn—*World Book*, 76 pp., 36c. Enabling the student and teacher to distribute their time and effort more effectively. The 36 tests and record chart are intended for use throughout the course as a guide to study and an index of achievement. They are also useful for self-instruction. The short-answer form is used.

Chemistry—Education
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

INSTRUCTIONAL TESTS IN PHYSICS—Earl R. Glenn and Ellsworth S. Obourn—*World Book*, 59 pp., 32c. Not alone an index of the student's achievement but a stimulus and guide to further study. The twenty-five tests are arranged by subject, and each covers a wide range of difficulty. The questions are of the short-answer type.

Physics—Education
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

THE GENUS HAPLOPAPPUS—Harvey M. Hall—*Carnegie Institution of Washington*. A critical examination of the generic characters of *Haplopappus*, which will be of value to students of systematic botany.

Botany
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

PEOPLE OF THE SMALL ARROW—J. H. Driberg—*Brewer and Warren*, 338 pp., \$3. A novel with people of a Uganda tribe as characters, living through dramatic experiences of famine, buffalo hunting, love making, bewitchment, death. The writing is in the style of old tales and sagas, which fits this sort of narrative very well. Illustrated strikingly with drawings in black and white by Pearl Binder, the author's wife.

Ethnology
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AMERICAN—Frank B. Linderman—*John Day*, 313 pp., \$3.50. The life story of a Crow Indian, Chief Plenty-Coups, written down in simple, good English that preserves the atmosphere of the Indian's way of telling and yet makes easy reading. Memories of this Indian, now more than eighty years old, carry the reader back to the native life of the northwestern plains. The story ends with the passing of the buffalo, for Plenty-Coups felt that this catastrophe broke off the accustomed life of the people. The "sign-talker" who won the confidence of the aged chief and recorded his career has been a trapper, hunter, cowboy, and a friend of Indian groups for more than forty years.

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INVENTION AND SOCIETY—Walde-mar Kaempffert—*American Library Association*, 38 pp., 35c. This latest pamphlet in the "Reading with a Purpose" series not only recommends books but discusses the philosophy and mechanism of invention's growth. After analyzing the trend of invention, the author predicts that industrial group research will give the lone inventor too much competition. He surmises that "possibly Edison may be the last of the great heroes of invention."

Invention
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

PRINCIPLES OF SOIL TECHNOLOGY—Paul Emerson—*Macmillan*, 402 pp., \$3.25. A new and thoroughly modern textbook which will be a welcome addition to the literature of soil science.

Soil Science
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

INDIAN CORN—James B. McNair—*Field Museum*, 33 pp., 25c. A well-illustrated little pamphlet telling the essential facts about the history, botany and uses of our most important cereal.

Botany
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

PHILIPPINE PLANT LIFE—J. W. Ritchie and Julia P. Echavarrá—*Silver Burdett*, 244 pp., 96c. This is a reader intended for use in Philippine schools. It imparts the scientific background of familiar and interesting native plants in simple sentences made of short English words, so that the young Filipino may get his botany and his English in one painless operation.

Biology
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

BIO-DYNAMICS: THE BATTLE FOR YOUTH—Boris Sokoloff—*Covici-Friede*, 320 pp., \$3. Dr. Sokoloff, whose name has become familiar through reports that he had found a way to check cancer by glandular extract and an iron salt, presents in this book his biological conception. The book is non-technical but not intended for popular consumption. The author states that it is written for "those interested in the problems of life in the most profound sense of the word."

Biologg
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

OUR CHANGING HUMAN NATURE—Samuel D. Schmalhausen—*Maccauley*, 510 pp., \$3.50. Those who are interested in sex and consider it the most important thing in human life will eagerly welcome Dr. Schmalhausen's book. Those who do not feel that way about it will probably heartily dislike it. The latter doubtless fall into the author's classification of Puritans, who consider sex sinful, and Impuritans, who consider sex sinless but insignificant. The so-called sexual revolution, sex in literature, various psychological concepts of sex, and mankind's changing attitude toward sex are among the topics taken up in this book.

Psychology-Sociology
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

DISEASE AND THE MAN—George Draper—*Macmillan*, 270 pp., \$4.50. The book is one of the Anglo-French Library of Medical and Biological Science, the purpose of which is to further the interchange of medical and biological thought between British and French scientists. Each book is printed in both languages. The present volume presents Dr. Draper's theory that the physician should study not only the disease but also the man. Of interest chiefly to physicians and medical educators.

Medicine
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930

THE FISHES OF THE FAMILIES AMIIDAE, CHANDIDAE, DULEIDAE, AND SERRANIDAE, OBTAINED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF FISHERIES STEAMER "ALBATROSS" IN 1907 TO 1910, CHIEFLY IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND ADJACENT SEAS—H. W. Fowler and B. A. Bean—*Smithsonian Institution*, 334 pp., 60c. Of interest to systematic ichthyologists.

Ichthyology
Science News-Letter, May 17, 1930