

# • First Glances at New Books

## Anthropology

**WIRA KOCHA**, Volume 1, number 1—Edited by Julio C. Tello, Lima, Peru; subscription foreign countries \$5. This new "Peruvian review of anthropological studies," written in Spanish and illustrated, will appear quarterly. The periodical takes its name from the Creator God of ancient Peru. The first number includes a long paper by Rebeca Carrion Cachot on clothing worn by Indians of Paracas, from which so many fine textile specimens have survived; a classified study of foods eaten by Peruvian Indians; and an article by Dr. Tello himself describing a remarkable piece of pottery art from Nasca—a model of an entire family group, adults, children, and four dogs.

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## Biography

**HUXLEY: PROPHET OF SCIENCE**—Houston Peterson—*Longmans, Green*, 338 p., \$3.50. A popular presentation of the debates that shook the worlds of theology and biology a couple of generations ago, centered around the life of the wildest-winged of all the stormy petrels of that age.

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## Ethnology

**AMONG THE ESKIMOS OF WALES, ALASKA**—Harrison Robertson Thornton—*Johns Hopkins Press*, 235 p., \$4. A vivid description of Eskimo life in western Alaska, as it was before white men invaded that part of the North. The record, written long ago and now published for the first time, was by a missionary-teacher who spent the years 1890 to 1893 among the Eskimos at Cape Prince of Wales. In ninety-three, Mr. Thornton met his death at the hands of native desperados. Chapters of his memoirs deal topic by topic with aspects of Eskimo life and character. Mr. Thornton's widow and his nephew, Dr. W. M. Thornton, Jr., edited the manuscript.

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## Entomology-Medicine

**MEDICAL ENTOMOLOGY**—W. A. Riley and O. A. Johannsen—*McGraw-Hill*, 476 p., \$4.50. Since the pioneer days of Theobald Smith and Ronald Ross, the detectives of science have fastened the stigma of murderous conspiracy upon one arthropod after another. The present volume makes up a really impressive Book of Rogues, useful alike to the medical and public

health professions, and to the entomologists who are their allies. A thirty-page bibliography completes the book.

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## Ornithology

**THE BIRDS OF THE NATUNA ISLANDS**—H. C. Oberholser—*Government Printing Office*, 137 p., 25c. An account of the avifauna of a little-visited group of islands lying almost on the equator in the South China Sea.

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## Pets

**OUR DOGS**—C. E. Harrison—*Orange Judd*, 225 p., \$2. A manual of practical information on dog training. It is astonishing how many of the things the amateur dog trainer does innocently and "by instinct" are the wrong things, ruinous to a good dog. This book points out such pitfalls and the right path that avoids them.

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## Psychology

**PSYCHOLOGY AT WORK**—Edited by Paul S. Achilles—*Whittlesey House*, 260 p., \$2.50. To quote the editor, this work "portrays in a few brief sketches some of the interesting and significant things that psychologists have done and are doing." The seven chapters cover varied fields from study of the pre-school child to the relation of the science to social and political problems. Each is by a psychologist eminent in his field.

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## Engineering

**TOOL AND DIE DESIGN**—Charles Bradford Cole and Frank W. Curtis—*American Technical Society*, 65 p., \$1.50. A handbook on tool design, die making and metal stamping.

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## Chemistry

**CHEMICAL ARITHMETIC**—Saul B. Arenson—*Wiley*, 108 p., \$1.25. An elementary handbook for the university course in general chemistry covering the simpler types of numerical problems occurring in this course.

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## Zoology

**WARM-BLOODED VERTEBRATES**—A. Wetmore, G. S. Miller, Jr., and J. W. Gidley—*Smithsonian Institution Series*, 389 p. Dr. Wetmore tells an astonishing lot about birds in his section of the book, considering the limitations of space allotted; and his associates Mr. Miller and the late Dr. Gidley do equal justice to the mammals, both living and fossil. Highly readable popular accounts of the various animal types are salted with interesting, and sometimes amusing, anecdotes of incidents attending their collection.

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## Geology

**THE BUILDING OF KENTUCKY, AND OTHER PAPERS**—W. H. Twenhofel and others—*Kentucky Geological Survey*, 328 p., \$1.25. A well-written account of the historical geology of a state that has a great deal of geological history within its borders. It would be a most excellent thing for students if other states might be provided with similar books, as many are already provided with adequate descriptions of their trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

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## Botany

**THE FANTASTIC CLAN: THE CACTUS FAMILY**—J. J. Thornber and Frances Bonker—*Macmillan*, 194 p., \$3.50. A well conceived, vividly executed, attractively illustrated book about a plant family that is becoming increasingly popular both among amateur botanists and fanciers of curious ornamentals.

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## Geography

**NEW CENSUS ATLAS OF THE WORLD**—Edited by Frederick K. Branom—*Reilly and Lee*, 256 p., \$3. Only about half the pages in this unusual atlas are map pages. There is a large descriptive section containing facts about the States of the Union and foreign countries. A glossary of geographic terms is a useful feature of the book; likewise the compact history of geography and exploration. Attractive photographs are scattered through the text.

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