

• First Glances at New Books

Ethnology

THE OZARKS: AN AMERICAN SURVIVAL OF PRIMITIVE SOCIETY—Vance Randolph—*Vanguard Press*, 310 p., \$5. Mr. Randolph has given a plain and precise title to a most diverting and informative book. The Ozark "hill-billies" whom he describes are extraordinary Americans, who can scarcely be imagined as contemporaries of the people on Broadway and Main Street. The chapter on Ozark dialect, in which numerous queer turns of speech are cited and accounted for, is perhaps one of the best. But there are also chapters on the parties and religion, the superstitions and the taboos of the hill country, all highly interesting.

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Radio

HOW TO BECOME A RADIO AMATEUR—*American Radio Relay League*, 30 p., 25c. This pamphlet has introduced many people old and young, to a fascinating hobby. Before the days of broadcasting, amateur radio plowed the ether for radio as we now have it in our homes. Today amateurs talk with the ends of the earth. The pamphlet is in its second edition.

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Chemistry

CHEMISTRY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Ernest L. Dinsmore—*Laurel Book Company*, 586 p., \$1.68. A straightforward and well illustrated text that should be attractive to the right sort of student. The author is chairman of the chemistry department of the Boys' High School of Brooklyn.

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Bibliography

SCIENCE READING MATERIAL FOR PUPILS AND TEACHERS—C. M. Pruitt—*Reprint from Science Education*, 28 p., 20c. A very useful list arranged by grade and by subject.

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Entomology

FUNDAMENTALS OF INSECT LIFE—C. L. Metcalf and W. P. Flint—*McGraw-Hill Book Co.* 581 p., \$4. The authors of a successful work on economic entomology have here expanded their field for the benefit of students who are interested primarily in the biology and ecology of insects. Like *Destructive and Useful Insects*, this new book is characterized by clearness of ex-

position and adequacy in selection of material for treatment. There are plenty of good illustrations.

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Exploration

ARABIA FELIX—Bertram Thomas—*Scribner*, 397 p., \$5. In a foreword, the famous Colonel T. E. Lawrence describes the author as "the compleat Arabian traveller enshrined." Today, when explorers set out in efficient-looking airplanes and motor cars, Captain Thomas made his journey across the Great Southern Desert on camel-back. The story of his adventures stresses new facts which he learned about the happy land. Almost a hundred pages at the close of the book are given to scientific data, including an appendix on "The Racial Characters of the Southern Arabs" by Sir Arthur Keith and Dr. W. M. Krogman.

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Automotive Engineering

ENGLISH - FRENCH COMPREHENSIVE DICTIONARY OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES—Lewis L. Sell—*International Dictionary Co.*, 769 p., \$6. A useful addition to the specialized dictionaries of the two languages, this book was compiled as an aid to the tourist in Europe as well as the automotive industry. It contains 150,000 technical terms in both languages. Research scientists and teachers touching upon the automotive field will find it valuable.

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General Science

ANNUAL REPORT, FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1931—*Field Museum*, 287 p., 22 pl., \$1. The account of a year's progress in one of the leading museums of America.

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Zoology

ZOOLOGY—F. E. Chidester—*Van Nostrand*, 581 p., \$3.75. A solid, well-organized textbook for college and university use, which the student can use to very good advantage for a reference book after he has finished the prescribed course.

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Biography

HUXLEY—Clarence Ayres—*Norton*, 254 p., \$3. A vividly written biography of one of the most pungent and pugnacious figures of the seething nineteenth century, the Aaron of the Darwinian exodus from traditional biology; the Paul who popularized the new doctrine, carried it to the Gentiles outside the learned circles to which Darwin first addressed himself, and either converted or confounded all who had the temerity to enter the lists against him.

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Psychology-Heredit

MENTAL TESTS AND HEREDITY—Barbara Schieffelin and Gladys C. Schwesinger—*Galton Publishing Co.*, 283 p., 90c paper, \$1.15 cloth. The outcome of a search for "tests of innate ability" made under the direction of the Eugenics Research Association and the Carnegie Institution of Washington. The book, and particularly the included survey of non-verbal tests, will be welcomed by anyone interested in testing technique.

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Nature Study

FLORIDA WILD LIFE—C. T. Simpson—*Macmillan*, 199 p., \$2.50. Florida has long been popular with those who like to add a little more or less studious nature observation to their winter vacationing; and with the prospect of a great national park becoming established in the Everglades, this aspect of the state's attractiveness is bound to assume increasing importance. The appearance of the present book is therefore most timely.

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History

THE EPIC OF AMERICA—James Truslow Adams—*Little, Brown and Co.*, 433 p., \$3.75. This splendid one-volume history of America sounds a note of hope for and faith in the American ideal—the American dream, Mr. Adams calls it—which is particularly welcome at a time when contemplation of the American scene is too apt to bring only despair and disillusion.

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