

• First Glances at New Books

Anthropology

SPENCER'S SCIENTIFIC CORRESPONDENCE WITH SIR J. G. FRAZER AND OTHERS—Edited by R. R. Marett and T. K. Penniman—*Oxford University Press*, 174 p., \$3. Introducing this collection of letters, the editors say that they have no apologies to make, though they realize that the scientific facts have mostly appeared in final form in the works of the men here quoted. The editors point out the value of understanding the methods by which scientists arrive at the truth, as well as the truth discovered. In the letters which passed between Spencer in the field studying primitive tribes and Frazer at home in England, the reader watches two master minds going over their problems, conferring with one another, and gaining new inspiration each from the other.

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Science-Engineering

PROFITABLE PRACTICE IN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH—Edited by Malcolm Ross, Maurice Holland and William Spraragen—*Harper*, 269 p., \$4. Leaders in the research that is remaking the civilization around us tell how industry may benefit from searches after new scientific truths. In ten years the number of industrial research laboratories has increased from five hundred to sixteen hundred. The experiences set forth in this volume will aid other industries which will find it necessary to conduct research in order to keep up with the parade of civilization.

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Nutrition

CHILD FEEDING—Bengamin Gayelord Hauser—*Tempo*, 130 p., \$2.50. Mr. Hauser puts forth his faddish ideas about diet in a very attractive form. It is to be hoped that too many mothers will not be misled thereby.

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Nescience

WILD TALENT—Charles Fort—*Kendall*, 343 p., \$3. The blurb of this classic of the unscientific method says: "Wild Talents are those latent, magical powers in man which have been neglected or imperfectly controlled, and have for that reason been only sporadically or aimlessly useful. Charles Fort sees in their development the coming era of

witchcraft, the sorcery of the future." Setting himself up as the foe of science, the author gathered from hither and yon a large number of old wives' tales, ancient and modern, and uncritically embalmed them in this book. Mr. Fort's career as an anti-scientist had a sad ending. His obituary in the *New York Times*, May 5, tells us that he had been ill for a year with an acute enlargement of the heart and had refused to consult a physician because of his distrust of men of science.

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Zoology—Comparative Psychology

THE SOCIAL LIFE OF MONKEYS AND APES—S. Zuckerman—*Harcourt, Brace*, 356 p. 24 pl., \$3.75. The anatomist to the Zoological Society of London has been watching the doings on Monkey Hill for a long time. What he has seen there, and gathered from other sources as well, would rather seem to indicate that a good many things we commonly attribute to "human nature" ought rather to be credited to "primate nature." Only poor Jocko, with his short memory and apparently even shorter powers of anticipation, isn't so much bothered with inhibitions as we are.

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Nature Study

HUNTING—Edith M. Patch and Harrison E. Howe—*Macmillan*, 161 p., 80c. The "hunting" described in this book is of the harmless kind done by small children: all the game gets off alive and the hunters bag only useful knowledge about the world they live in. The book constitutes the first of a new series of elementary science readers produced by the collaboration of a successful writer of children's books and a leading scientist.

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Industry

A WONDER BOOK OF RUBBER—*B. F. Goodrich Co.* "This booklet is not offered as a scientific discussion, but only as a story of rubber and the manufacture and use of rubber products."

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Vocational Guidance

JOBS FOR THE COLLEGE GRADUATE IN SCIENCE—Edward J. V. K. Menge—*Bruce*, 175 p., \$2. It is estimated that there are more than 4,500,000 boys and girls in high schools, colleges and other institutions of higher learning in the United States, who are wondering what the future is to bring them in the way of life work. The purpose of this book is to aid these students and their parents to decide what kind of work they hope to undertake after graduation.

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Seismology

INTRODUCTION TO THEORETICAL SEISMOLOGY: PART II, SEISMOMETRY—F. W. Sohno—*Wiley*, 149 p., \$2.75. Those scientists who set sensitive instruments running day and night to detect the growing pains of the earth will welcome this book on fundamental principles prepared by Father Sohno while he was director of the Georgetown Seismological Observatory.

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Archaeology

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY, Volume I, numbers 1 to 4.—*Carnegie Institution of Washington*, 157 p., 67 pl., cloth \$5, paper \$4. Four comprehensive papers on Mayan archaeology make up this first volume in a new scientific series. The papers are: "Excavations at Baking Pot, British Honduras," by Oliver Ricketson, Jr.; "Maya Astronomy," by John E. Teeple; "The Temple of the Wall Panels, Chichen Itza," by Karl Ruppert; and "Notes on the Metates of Chichen Itza, Yucatan," by Gustav Stromsvik.

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Library Science

LIST OF BOOKS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES OF THE STATE OF OREGON—Comp. by Anna G. Hall—*Oregon State Lib.*, 231 p., 40c. This helpful annotated list of books for elementary schools, arranged by subject, is intended to supplement school work, as well as to encourage outside reading. It was issued for use by teachers, but parents will also find it useful for reference.

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