

# • First Glances at New Books

## Biography

ANTHONY VAN LEEUWENHOEK AND HIS "LITTLE ANIMALS"—Clifford Dobbell—*Harcourt Brace*, 435 p., XXXII pl., \$7.50. For review, see page 360.

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## History of Science

CLASSIC DESCRIPTIONS OF DISEASE—Ralph H. Major—*Thomas*, 630 p., \$5.50. The original descriptions of various diseases by eminent medical authorities are here presented in English, with a biographical sketch and, generally, a picture of the authority. The book is valuable for reference as well as for general reading by those interested in medical history.

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## Anthropometry

THE MEASUREMENT OF GROWTH—S. A. Curtis—*Brumfield and Brumfield*, 217 p., \$2. This book, so far still in mimeographed form, presents a course first tried out in the summer session at the University of Michigan in 1932. The author assumes or accepts the belief that human actions are subject to material laws which are discoverable and may be used to control "living and feeling." He is convinced that the twentieth century will witness as remarkable an advance in this field as the nineteenth century did in the control of physical forces. The present book is put forward as a beginning toward the solution of this problem of "the scientific control of human destiny." Its technical nature makes it suitable only for the prepared student. The author introduces a new system of values, designated as isochrons, which is the subject of a special small monograph accompanying the book.

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## Entomology

BUTTERFLIES OF THE ALLEGANY STATE PARK—Aretas A. Saunders—*Univ. of the State of New York*, 270 p., 45c. A thorough-going popular account of the butterflies of an interesting Eastern area, with photographic and line illustrations.

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## Ethnology-Archaeology

INDIANS OF CANADA—Diamond Jenness—*National Museum of Canada, Ottawa*, 446 p., \$2.50. One of Canada's best known anthropologists has written this comprehensive and beautifully illustrated account of Eskimo and Indian

tribes in Canada. Mr. Jenness tells of the life of these comparatively little-known Indians, their languages, economic conditions, homes, social organization, and other matters. He devotes a chapter to archaeological remains, and another to the important question of Indian origins. The last section of the book is given over to detailed descriptions of the tribes.

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## Psychic Phenomena

THE SINCLAIR EXPERIMENTS DEMONSTRATING TELEPATHY—W. F. Prince—*Boston Society for Psychic Research*, 138 p., \$1.50. An analysis by the research officer of the Boston Society for Psychic Research of the data on telepathy obtained in the experiments of Mrs. Upton Sinclair and published by her husband in the book "Mental Radio." Dr. Prince expresses his belief in the genuineness of the phenomena. A brief history of telepathic research is included.

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## Ornithology

AMERICAN BIRDS—Frank G. Ashbrook—*Reilly and Lee*, 95 p., \$1. A compact little pocket-size popular manual, well illustrated in colors.

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## Psychology

THE THINKING MACHINE—C. Judson Herrick—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 374 p., \$3. This second edition of an excellent book has been revised throughout to correct errors, make short additions to the text and to add new titles to the bibliographies with each chapter.

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## Philology

A DICTIONARY OF THE OSAGE LANGUAGE—Francis La Flesche—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 406 p., 50c. This Indian language dictionary was made possible by the Missouri Historical Society which established an Osage Fund for the purpose. Writing of this in the introduction, Dr. La Flesche expressed the hope "that it may be of use to those who desire a knowledge, not only of Osage, but of the great Siouan family of tongues to which it belongs."

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## Philology

THE HISTORY OF LANGUAGE—Henry Sweet—*Dent and Sons*, 148 p., 1s 9d. A pocket-sized, almost weightless little book, but crammed with information to the point one almost feels compelled to use a nutpick.

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## Biography

PIERRE CURIE—Marie Curie—*Macmillan*, 242 p., \$2. Translated by Charlotte and Vernon Kellogg. This is the second edition, with corrections, of the story of the co-discoverer of radium. Madame Curie has added some autobiographical notes to her account of her husband's life. Her personality has been happily retained in the translation.

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## Psychology

THE MIND IN ACTION—A Campbell Garnett—*Appleton*, 226 p., \$2. A "study of motives and values" written, as the author tells us, with the principles of Spearman as a starting point, but presenting other important theories.

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## Sociology

THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF SOCIAL WORK—M. J. Karpf—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 424 p., \$3.75. The author has attacked the double problem of determining the case worker's knowledge-needs and his available and possible sources for such knowledge. The book is a serious effort to give greater definiteness to programs of social work.

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## Psychology

THE MIND IN CONFLICT—R. A. Howden—*Oxford*, 83 p., 85c. A brief popular account of modern methods of approach to mental problems, and modern efforts to solve them.

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## Aeronautics

METAL AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION—M. Langley—*Gale & Polden, Ltd.*, 240 p., 15s. A technical review for aeronautical engineers which gives the details of theory and practice in metal construction of aircraft.

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