

• First Glances at New Books

Ornithology

AMERICAN BIRD BIOGRAPHIES—Arthur A. Allen—*Comstock Publishing Co.*, 238 p., \$3.50. Prof. Allen, who knows birds afield almost as though he were one of them himself, here gets inside their feathers and tells their stories in the first person. It is a technique that should be very effective, especially with younger readers. There are ten color plates and ten wash drawings by George Miksch Sutton, as well as many half-tone illustrations.

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Linguistics

KEY TO AND PRIMER OF INTERLINGUA, OR LATIN WITHOUT INFLECTIONS MEANT TO BE USED AS AN INTERNATIONAL AUXILIARY LANGUAGE AMONGST PEOPLES OF VARIOUS MOTHER TONGUES—Dutton, 168 p., \$1.25.

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Geology

COMPILACION DE LOS ESTUDIOS GEOLOGICOS OFICIALES EN COLOMBIA—1917 a 1933, Tomo II—Otto Stutzer and Ernst A. Scheibe—*Colombia, Imprenta Nacional (Bogota)*, 425 p. The second volume of a valuable work, of which the opening volume was reviewed on this page recently. (*SNL, Aug 18, 1934*).

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Botany

TREES OF NORTH AMERICA (EXCLUSIVE OF MEXICO). VOL. II—THE BROADLEAVES—George Rex Green—*Edwards Brothers, Inc., Ann Arbor*, 344 p., \$3.50. The concluding volume of a new dendrological work, of which vol. I was mentioned on this page some time ago. (*SNL, Sept. 16, 1933*).

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Chemistry-Biology

ANALYSIS DES MÉCANISMES CHIMIQUES CHEZ LES ÊTRES VIVANTS—Théphile Cahn—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 26 p., 8 francs.

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Microscopy

ADVENTURES WITH THE MICROSCOPE—Julian D. Corrington—*Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.*, 455 p., \$7.50. Tells how to use microscopes, all the way from the simple hand lens to the professional's elaborate research model, how to use their accessories, what things to put on the stage and how to ob-

tain and prepare them, imparts a good deal of instruction in biology and geology, and makes brief discursions into semi-fictional situations typical of the naturalist's field adventures.

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Geology

THE CHANGING WORLD OF THE ICE AGE—Reginald A. Daly—*Yale University Press*, 271 p., \$5.00. One of our best known historical geologists examines critically all known data on the Pleistocene, and reconstructs as nearly as can be done at the present time the map of the glacial advances and retreats. The book will be of very great professional interest to geologists, paleontologists and students of the life sciences, and it will have as well a genuine appeal for educated readers in general.

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Philosophy

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH—Eric T. Bell—*Williams and Wilkins*, 279 p., \$3. A mathematician with much "pawky" humor, tremendous intellectual curiosity, and no discernible reverence examines the curious antics of men, and particularly of scientific and near-scientific men, in their everlasting quest for that everlasting elusive goddess, Truth. Let no one who cannot stand having his own hide pricked read this book.

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Zoology

VERTÉBRÉS INFÉRIEURS (POISSONS, BATRACIENS, REPTILES)—Georges Bohn—*Hermann et Cie., Paris.*, 96 p., 15 francs.

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Zoology

TROPICAL FISHES AS PETS—Christopher W. Coates—*Liveright*, 226 p., \$2. The author brings to the aid of the home aquarist the benefit of his experience in the department of tropical fish in the New York Aquarium. He tells what "tropicals" are, how to get the best enjoyment of their beauty, what to do for them when they are sick. There are many beautiful illustrations by S. C. Dunton, some of them in color.

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Microscopy

EXPLORING WITH THE MICROSCOPE—Raymond F. Yates—*Appleton-Century*, 182 p., \$2. If you have an eager young naturalist in your family or among your acquaintance, you can hardly find him an inexpensive gift that will be better appreciated than this book. It tells how to use compound microscopes of the kinds most beginners have, and how to make, at little cost, such desirable adjuncts as microtome, turntable, and even an ink-bottle alcohol lamp.

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Biology

LA SENSIBILITÉ RÉFLEXOGÈNE DES VAISSEAUX AUX EXCITANTS CHIMIQUES—C. Heymans and J. J. Bouckaert—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 32 p., 9 francs.

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Education—Sociology

THE SOCIAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—Frederick H. Bair—*Teachers College, Columbia Univ.*, 193 p., \$2. Dr. Bair, who is a successful superintendent of schools himself, "holds the mirror up to nature" of his fellows in the craft, with results sometimes devastating, occasionally complimentary, but always illuminating. Considering the tremendous influence over the development of children which can be wielded by these captains of our educational army, this study, penetrating into their minds with astonishing detail and intimacy, has great social value, at least *in posse*. Dr. Bair's inquiry was sponsored by the Social Studies Commission of the American Historical Association.

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Chemistry

GERMAN - ENGLISH CHEMICAL TERMINOLOGY—Hans Fromherz and Alexander King—*D. Van Nostrand*, 324 p., \$5. A text on chemical German, giving a page of English and then opposite the equivalent German material. A complete index to material and names used is provided but no dictionary is included.

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