

• First Glances at New Books

Geography-Language

IN FOREIGN LANDS; AN EXPLORATORY LANGUAGE COURSE AND CULTURAL INTRODUCTION TO ROME, ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN, GERMANY—Beth Hughson and Oda Gostick—*D. C. Heath and Co.*, 462 p., \$1.24. This unusual school book for junior high school age is the result of an educational idea which the authors have put into practice with children of all grades of ability during the past eight years. The four expressed aims of the course include the cultural one of teaching children at an impressionable age the difference in languages, nationalities, and environment; and the practical one of giving pupils a taste of several languages so that they may continue with those for which they have greatest liking and aptitude.

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Botany

GYMNOSPERMS, STRUCTURE AND EVOLUTION—Charles Joseph Chamberlain—*U. of Chicago Press*, 484 p., \$4.50. Prof. Chamberlain puts into this book the fruits of a lifetime of research in the laboratories and greenhouses of the University of Chicago, and of field work in all the lands of the world where gymnosperms, and especially his beloved cycads, are to be found. Advanced students of the structure and evolution of plants need only to be told that this book has been published; no argument to establish its necessity in their work is called for.

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Psychology

WHAT MAKES US SEEM SO QUEER?—David Seabury—*Whittlesey House*, 336 p., \$2.75. Written in "popular style" about the oddities of human nature.

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Medicine

PROBLÈMES DE L'HYGIÈNE ALIMENTAIRE—J. A. de Loureiro—*Hermann et Cie., Paris*, 28 p., 8 francs.

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City Planning

OUTLINE OF TOWN AND CITY PLANNING—Thomas Adams—*Russell Sage Foundation*, 368 p., \$3. "The modern city is very different from cities of the pre-industrial age, but it is nevertheless apparent that there is much we can learn from examining the methods of city planning and development in past times."

So wrote Franklin D. Roosevelt in December 1932, from the Governor's mansion, Albany, New York, in a foreword to this history of civic design, now published. The volume is encyclopedic, describing city after city, ancient and modern, and analyzing the aims and methods of modern planners. Numerous plans and photographs help the reader to grasp comparisons and understand evolutionary changes.

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Botany

THE STRUCTURE AND REPRODUCTION OF THE ALGAE. VOL. 1—F. E. Fritsch—*Macmillan*, 791 p., \$8. A most thorough and painstaking study of the algae, with 354 text figures in line drawing. Each chapter is supplemented with a full literature list. The book is intended, of course, for special students; but it is invaluable to its relatively limited audience.

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Photomicrography

OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF METALS—*Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Rochester, N. Y.*, 115 p., free. (Obtainable through Science Service if 10c. handling charge is sent).

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Sociology-Religion

SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE—Sidney A. Weston and S. Ralph Harlow—*Abingdon Press*, 288 p., \$1.75. Problems for discussion in young people's church and other organizations with suggestions for source material.

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Philosophy

MIND, THE MAKER—William Benjamin Smith—*Scripta Mathematica*, 31 p., 35c. This corrects the review in the *Science News Letter* of March 9, 1935, P. 159, in which the author was listed as Cassius Jackson Keyser. Dr. Keyser merely presented this essay, at a meeting of the Forum of the Friends of Scripta Mathematica.

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Archaeology

ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN THE BAY ISLANDS, SPANISH HONDURAS—William Duncan Strong—*Smithsonian Institution*, \$1.25. The culture of the Bay Islands and the adjacent mainland represents an extreme northern thrust of South American influence, is the conclusion of Dr. Strong. The report describes findings of a Smithsonian expedition of 1933 and an expedition of the American Museum of Natural History in 1931.

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Ethnology

RACE AND CULTURE CONTACTS—Ed. by E. B. Reuter—*McGraw-Hill*, 253 p., \$3. What is happening in the world where race meets race is the theme of this book. Thirteen different authors discuss such topics as The Unorthodox Race Doctrine of Hawaii, American-born Orientals, Traditions and Patterns of Negro Family Life in the United States, and Conflict and Equilibrium in a Border Area. The papers included were originally given before the American Sociological Society at its twenty-eighth annual meeting.

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Economics

THE CHART OF PLENTY—Harold Loeb and associates—*Viking Press*, 180 p., \$2.50. Arrives at the conclusion: "Production is cut to fit an inadequate buying power, instead of buying power (which can be raised or lowered at will) being raised to fit product capacity. This procedure can be likened to that of . . . Procrustes."

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Geology—Astronomy

THE STORY OF EARTH AND SKY—Carleton and Heluiz Washburne in collaboration with Frederick Reed—*Appleton-Century*, 382 p., \$1.32. New student's edition of a splendid book on our earth's history and the elements of astronomy, for boys and girls. Illustrated with photographs, and delightfully animated line drawings by Margery Stocking.

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