

• First Glances at New Books

Psychology

ADULT INTERESTS—Edward L. Thorndike—*Macmillan*, 265 p., \$3.25. Interest is the lever with which the burden of dull learning is lifted. The interest need not be in the subject itself. With adults, appreciation of the values to be attained by learning should provide the impetus. External interests such as are used with children—"bribes"—need not have the same use with adults. How to arouse the interests of adults is told in this interesting and authoritative book for teachers in adult education.

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Anthropology

SEX AND TEMPERAMENT IN THREE PRIMITIVE SOCIETIES — Margaret Mead—*Morrow*, 335 p., \$3. Studying three tribes, Dr. Mead has found evidence that personality traits which civilization calls masculine and feminine are not thus classified in all societies. Arapesh men and women alike are gentle, passive and mild. Mundugumor men and women are violent, aggressive. That society shapes the personalities of the two sexes, and can mould them differently in a planned social order, is the verdict of this ethnologist.

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THE TARAHUMARA, AN INDIAN TRIBE OF NORTHERN MEXICO—Wendell C. Bennett and Robert M. Zingg—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 412 p., \$4. This tribe, famed for the endurance of its runners, has other claims to distinction, as this very complete study of Tarahumara life shows. So isolated are most of these people that even today the majority of the 40,000 members of the tribe speak no Spanish and follow a primitive pattern of life, with only a thin veneer of the modern and foreign. These conditions make them excellent subjects for the student of cultures.

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THE MEDICINE-MAN OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND HIS CULTURAL BACKGROUND—William Thomas Corlett—*Thomas*, 369 p., \$5. A modern physician looks at the Indian medicine man, and appraises his knowledge and place in society. While there is much information about plants and medical treatments used in different parts of America, Dr. Cor-

lett stresses the fact that this is not a medical book: "It has as much religion as medicine, and more theology than pathology. If it were not so it would not be a true account of the medicine-man of the American Indian."

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BEGINNING AGAIN—Harry H. Pace—*Dorrance*, 72 p., \$1.00. A group of inspirational passages, poems, and quotations, intended to relieve the disappointed. The little volume concludes with the well-known "Invictus."

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Geography

THE GASPÉ—John M. Clarke—*Yale Univ. Press*, 203 p., \$3. A geologist with a keen appreciation of this corner of Quebec Province has written its traveler's tale. Being a geologist, he has taken the opportunity to stress the beauty and the historic interest of the earth itself in this region. However, he has not neglected Indians, wild life, legend, and history in showing off the Gaspé Peninsula through a geologist's eye.

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Meteorology

WEATHER—K. S. Hazeltine, Fred Buss, Gayle Pickwell and Emily Smith—*Calif. State Dept. of Education*, 34 p., 15c. This pamphlet, for elementary schools, discusses the climate of California; a better "sample" state could hardly have been chosen, for variety in both place and season.

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Zoology

FROGS, TOADS AND SALAMANDERS—Edith A. Pickard—*Calif. State Dept. of Education*, 55 p., 15c. Condensed, but giving the essentials clearly and with good illustrations, this pamphlet will be useful in the elementary schools, for which it is designed.

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Paleontology

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE EDRIOASTEROIDEA—R. S. Bassler—*Smithsonian Institution*, 11 p., 10c.

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Archaeology-History

OUR ANCESTORS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD—Ethel I. Salisbury and Lulu M. Stedman—*Little, Brown*, 396 p., \$1.20. Nicely illustrated and equipped with suggestions for activities and readings to fit the units of study, this text book offers ancient history according to the newest educational ideas. Old World civilizations, including Babylonian, Cretan and Greek, are described from the standpoint of what each bequeathed to modern society. The text is apparently intended for older elementary school pupils.

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Geology

ALONG THE HILL—Carroll Lane Fenton—*Reynal & Hitchcock*, 96 p., \$1.25. A little book, shaped to go into a pocket, that tells in very simple language and clean-cut line illustration the story of the stones and fossils you find in average country, and of what they signify in the places where you find them. Once more Dr. Fenton does credit to himself as a geologist, as a popularizer and as a draftsman.

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History of Science

EXPOSÉS D'HISTOIRE ET PHILOSOPHIE DES SCIENCES: I. LES MATHÉMATIQUES EN GRÈCE AU MILIEU DU VE SIÈCLE—Abel Rey, 92 p., 18 fr.; II. LA PHILOSOPHIE LA MATIÈRE CHEZ LAVOISIER—Hélène Metzger, 46 p., 10 fr.; Hermann et Cie., Paris.

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Chemistry

EXPOSÉS DE CHIMIE GÉNÉRALE ET MINÉRALE — VOL. V. — RECHERCHES SUR LES COMBINAISONS ENTRE LES SELS DE CALCIUM ET LES ALUMINATES DE CALCIUM—J. Foret—Hermann et Cie., Paris, 67 p., 15 fr.

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Physics

EXPOSÉS DE RADIOACTIVITÉ ET DE PHYSIQUE NUCLÉAIRE—VOL. III—RADIOACTIVITÉ ARTIFICIELLE — F. Joliot and Irène Curie—Hermann et Cie., Paris, 28 p., 3 plates, 10 fr.

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