

# • First Glances at New Books

## Ethnology

WE EUROPEANS, A SURVEY OF "RACIAL" PROBLEMS—Julian S. Huxley and A. C. Haddon—*Harper*, 246 p., \$2.50. Branding racialism a myth, authors of this volume go back to biological facts and explain why "racial purity" is impossible of attainment. Mixture of ethnic types in the past has been beneficial, it is pointed out, though it does not necessarily follow that human mixtures would always be good. Just to remind the reader how nonsensical are stereotyped notions of what an American, German, Norwegian, or Russian ought to look like, there are 16 portraits of various nationals in the front of the book, and he can check his guesses with answers in the back.

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## Psychology

PRINCIPLES OF ANIMAL PSYCHOLOGY—N. R. F. Maier and T. C. Schneirla—*McGraw-Hill*, 529 p., \$4. The field in which this work is designed to serve as textbook is of importance not alone because of interest in the behavior of the infra-human animals, but because knowledge of the infra-humans provides a foundation for the study of human psychology. The laboratory rat, the cat and the monkey are freely used as subjects in psychological experiments that would not be practical on human "specimens." The student of psychology must know animal psychology in order to judge the extent to which such experiments may find application in human psychology.

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## Physics

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF MATTER—S. G. Starling—*Macmillan*, 336 p., \$2.10. A British text, "intended for students preparing for Higher School Certificate, or Intermediate Examinations in Physics" in English universities.

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## Physical Education

ACHIEVEMENT SCALES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE MEN—Frederick W. Cozens—*Lea & Febiger*, 118 p., \$2.50. Athletic ability tests, for colleges.

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## Philosophy of Science

LA PRÉVISION HISTORIQUE DANS LA NATURE—J. Delevsky, 53 p., 12 fr.; LA MÉTHODE DANS LA MÉCANIQUE DES QUANTA—M. René Dugas, 59 p.,

12 fr.; LA LOGIQUE ET L'EMPIRISME INTÉGRAL—Julien Pacotte, 55 p., 12 fr.—*Hermann & Cie., Paris.*

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## Anthropology

MEASURES OF MEN—Harold Cummins, Mary S. Lane, Stella M. Leche, Ruth Millar, Inez D. Steggerda, and Morris Steggerda—*Dept. of Middle American Research, Tulane Univ.*, 331 p., \$5. The scientific specialty of dermatoglyphics is the central theme of this volume of ten studies. The reports deal with Indians of Mexico, Central America and the Indies, showing characteristic finger and palm print patterns, data on right and left handedness, and other related evidence valuable in study of differences among races of man. One chapter by Dr. Cummins discusses critically methodology in palmar dermatoglyphics.

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## Psychiatry

AN ENQUIRY INTO PROGNOSIS IN THE NEUROSES—T. A. Ross—*Cambridge (Macmillan)*, 194 p., \$3. Based on a study of nearly twelve hundred patients, observed over a period of several years.

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## Physics

A SURVEY OF PHYSICS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS—Frederick A. Saunders—*Holt*, 679 p., \$3.75. Revised edition of a successful college text.

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## Anthropology

STUDIES OF THE YAQUI INDIANS OF SONORA, MEXICO—W. C. Holden and others—*Texas Technological College (Bulletin, vol. XII, no. 1)*, 142 p., 60c. Distributed by Tech Bookstore, Lubbock, Texas. An exceptionally interesting group of reports about the life of a tribe widely known to the public, by name at least. Aside from a paper on the physical traits of these Indians by Dr. Carl Seltzer, the accounts are intentionally written for the layman and student, rather than for the professional scientist.

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## Military Medicine—History

FROM A SURGEON'S JOURNAL—Harvey Cushing—*Little, Brown*, 533 p., \$5. The author of this book is a distinguished American surgeon whose well-known skill as a writer is apparent even in the informal pages of a diary. This volume represents part of the journal he kept during the World War when he served first with a Harvard Unit in the American Ambulance during 1915 and again at various posts from May, 1917, until February, 1919. It is wartime history with a medical flavor, but Dr. Cushing did not confine himself to a record of the surgery he saw and performed. Vivid thumbnail sketches of persons and places and episodes brighten the pages. The book will appeal largely to masculine readers, particularly medical men to whom the names as well as technical terms are familiar.

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## History of Science

TRAIL BLAZERS OF SCIENCE—Martin Gumpert—*Funk & Wagnalls*, 306 p., \$2.50. This book tells the dramatic and often tragic stories of a number of pioneer scientists who had to fight bitter opposition by their contemporaries. The book finishes on a more cheerful note with a description of the operative technic of Harvey Cushing, an American surgeon who has had the happy lot of seeing contributions acclaimed while he is living.

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## Public Health—Economics

BUYERS BEWARE—Beatrice Pitney Lamb—*Nail. League of Women Voters*, 15 p., 15 cents. Need for a revised food, drugs, and cosmetic law is discussed.

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## ● RADIO

June 16, 2:15 p. m., E.S.T.

CRIME LABORATORIES—Dr. William Souder of the National Bureau of Standards.

(No program on June 9 or June 23.)

In the Science Service series of radio discussions led by Watson Davis, Director, over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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