

# • First Glances at New Books

## Photography

**ELEMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY**—C. B. Neblette, Frederick W. Brehm, and Everett L. Priest, *Macmillan*, 253 p., 72c. Along with a youngster's first camera, even if it be the simplest box type, he should get this book. It sets forth basic principles in simple terms, explains how pictures turn out as weird messes through carelessness or failure to think of an important factor at an important moment, and is packed with practical directions on how to do and how to make.

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## Photography

**COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY**—Robert M. Fanstone—*Pitman Publishing Corp.*, 171 p., \$3.75. A simple but thorough and practical guide to natural color photography in all its phases. Throughout, what to do is backgrounded with adequate explanation of why you do it.

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## Geography

**ATLAS OF CHINA**—Albert Herrmann—*Harvard University Press*, 112 p., \$5. The geographic history of China is told in a series of maps, indicating boundaries, cities and other features at the various periods. Another series of maps shows modern China, its resources, industries, and communication routes as well as political boundaries. Prehistoric sites known in China today are the subject of one map, with ages of sites indicated by symbols. The University of Berlin's professor of historical geography is the author of this interesting work.

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## Ethnology

**RESEARCH IN PRIMITIVE AND FOLK MUSIC IN THE UNITED STATES**—George Herzog—*American Council of Learned Societies*, 97 p., 25c. A survey of material that is rapidly disappearing in this country. The author points out that primitive music has at least been recognized as a branch of anthropology or musicology; but folk music has had less attention. In both fields, he believes, there is need for competent research.

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## Bibliography

**INDEX TO DEPARTMENT BULLETINS NOS. 1-1500**—Mabel G. Hunt—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 384 p., 25c. A useful aid to persons using this series of U. S. De-

partment of Agriculture publications. Indexing is by both author and subject. Page references are given as guides where more than one subject is treated in a bulletin.

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## Geography

**SOUTHERN REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES**—Howard W. Odum—*Univ. of North Carolina Press*, 664 p., \$4. The University of North Carolina has built itself a reputation as a leading center of the South's highest culture, and Prof. Odum, as a scholarly expositor of some of its most significant phases, has had no small part in that construction. The present volume is a complete and thorough examination of the geography and economics of the South, with historical background but with greatest attention to present status, and with a clear and careful eye toward what is to come. Whoever needs or desires to understand the South as it now is, or expects to have dealings with the South as it is to be, must study this book.

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## Agricultural Economics

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC FACTS: BASEBOOK OF IOWA**—Lauren K. Soth—*Iowa State College, Ames*, 179 p., 50c. Crammed with well-analyzed statistics on acreages, production, and value of both major and minor crops and farm animals, illustrated with well-planned graphs and maps, and supplied with well-written sections on the bearings of these factors on human life within the state, this publication is a model which other states might find it advantageous to follow.

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## Entomology

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARGENTINE ANT IN THE UNITED STATES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS CONTROL OR ERADICATION**—M. R. Smith—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 39 p., 5c. A useful pamphlet on an introduced pest that is becoming increasingly troublesome in the warmer parts of the country.

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## Ornithology

**BIRDS IN THE WILDERNESS**—George Miksch Sutton—*Macmillan*, 200 p., \$3.50. Dr. Sutton has been in the far places of the world, looking at what lives there. In this book he tells of his acquaintance with birds all over the greater part of North America, from the Hudson Bay country to the Rio Grande. He did the drawings for the illustrations, too, and they are worthy of the text.

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## Conchology

**STRANGE SEA SHELLS AND THEIR STORIES**—A. Hyatt Verrill—*L. C. Page & Co.*, 206 p., \$2. Shells, and the natural history of the creatures that live in them, and the uses to which both the shells and their inhabitants are put, form the subject of this unique and fascinating book. Written avowedly for the younger audience, it will nevertheless be both useful and entertaining for their elders.

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## Botany

**THE LIVING GARDEN**—E. J. Salisbury—*Macmillan*, 338 p., \$3. A garden book of unusual interest and charm, with a great deal more of botany and especially of plant ecology in it than one usually encounters in works of this nature. The illustrations are mostly carefully executed line drawings—really an improvement over the halftones ordinarily used in garden books.

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## Physics

**LES PHÉNOMÈNES PHOTOÉLECTRIQUES ET LEURS APPLICATIONS**—G.-A. Boutry—*Hermann & Cie, Paris*, Vol. I, (Phénomènes Photoémissifs), 100 p., 20fr., Vol. II, (Cellules Photoémissives), 57 p., 15fr., Vol. III, (Photoconductivité), 84 p., 20fr., Vol. IV, (Différences de Potentiel Photoélectriques), 49 p., 15fr., Vol. V, (Photométrie Photoélectrique), 50 p., 15fr., Vol. VI, (Photométrie Photoélectrique) 72 p., 15fr.

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