

# • First Glances at New Books

## Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY AND THE SOCIAL ORDER, AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DYNAMIC STUDY OF SOCIAL FIELDS—J. F. Brown—*McGraw-Hill*, 529 p., \$3.50. The new tendency to consider political science as a legitimate part of the science of psychology, revealed when the American Psychological Association at its latest meeting included special papers dealing with this problem, is reflected in this new textbook. A political science section is practical and up to date enough to consider the present conflict in Europe between the different types of state. Of the author's own attitude, he says, "I admit an antifascist bias, because it is daily more obvious that fascism is antiscientific. Even the most 'disinterested' scientist after all must believe in science."

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## Archaeology

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS—Harold Peake and Herbert John Fleure—*Yale Univ. Press*, 188 p., \$2. The ninth and concluding volume of the Corridors of Time series. The authors choose, as the trademark of the age in this last volume, the growing cry for ethical teaching. They describe the rise of law and philosophy in Greece, the prophets of Israel, Persian ideals of justice, and other phenomena which brought civilization to a new dispensation in its religious and ethical thought.

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## Botany

PLANTS OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK—W. B. McDougall and Herma A. Baggle—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 160 p., 25c. Yellowstone, to persons who have been there, means much more than geysers and a canyon; it means galaxies of flowers crowding rich mountain meadows, scattered stars of flowers that defy the little Saharas of steaming winter. A book that can be used with pleasure by tourists and with scientific profit by serious botanists has long been lacking; now happily it is supplied.

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## Ancient History

THE ROMAN'S WORLD—Frank Gardner Moore—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 502 p., 47 illus., \$3.75. Seen through the expert guidance of Prof. Moore, the life and customs of ancient Rome become a rich panorama of interesting "sights." But the volume has greater significance

than mere interest, in view of the importance of the Roman world in shaping western civilization. Prof. Moore includes not merely the homely aspects of a Roman's life, but takes in the larger range of political and social phenomena, and shows how Roman thought changed from era to era.

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## Hobbies

TREATISE ON THE ART OF AMATEUR LAPIDARY—Charles L. Shimmel—*published by author; Madera, Calif.*, 30 p., \$1. Guide to a fascinating hobby that deserves more devotees than it has—the more so since it can eventuate in profit as well as pleasure.

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## Child Training

THE BIRTHRIGHT OF BABYHOOD—Clarence Wesley Sumner—*Nelson*, 85 p., \$1. Telling how to introduce babies and children under five to the best of the literature suited to their months. The list of sources for lullabies, finger games, pictures, rhymes, and stories for the very young will be welcomed by those who are acquainted with young children or who wish to revive memories of their own childhood. The book is written by the librarian of the Youngstown Public Library, to whom credit goes for instituting the Mother's Room.

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## Textiles—Testing

A.S.T.M. STANDARDS ON TEXTILE MATERIALS—*American Society for Testing Materials*, 294 p., \$2.

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## Engineering

A.S.T.M. STANDARDS ON COAL AND COKE—*American Society for Testing Materials*, 143 p., \$1.25.

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## Entomology

CONTROL OF THE JAPANESE BEETLE AND ITS GRUB IN HOME YARDS—W. E. Fleming and F. W. Metzger—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 15 p., 5c. (Obtainable by ordering directly from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.)

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## Criminology

THE POLICE AND MODERN SOCIETY—August Vollmer—*Univ. of California Press*, 253 p., \$2.50. Written by a man who has done much to further the introduction of scientific methods into the business of administration of justice. Two chapters on traffic and on crime prevention will be of particular interest to the general reader.

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## Satire

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SCIENTIST—Anonymous—*Scientific Publishing Co.*, 177 p., \$2. Ribald and imaginary accounts of scientific goings-on at Derbytown University. At that, it is not a bad antidote to some scientific papers.

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## Agriculture—Economics

ELEMENTS OF FARM MANAGEMENT—John A. Hopkins—*Prentice-Hall*, 390 p., \$2.20. A compact but complete textbook on farming, by a faculty member at Ames—where they know about farming, if they do anywhere.

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## Engineering

SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH-STRENGTH CONSTRUCTIONAL METALS—*American Society for Testing Materials*, 126 p., \$1.25.

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## Horticulture

GARDEN FLOWERS IN COLOR: A PICTURE CYCLOPEDIA OF FLOWERS—G. A. Stevens—*Macmillan*, 320 p., colored illus., \$3.75. A book for gardeners and flower lovers. Brief descriptions supplement strikingly colored illustrations.

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## Statistics

STATISTICAL METHODS IN BIOLOGY, MEDICINE AND PSYCHOLOGY (4th ed.)—C. B. Davenport and Merle P. Ekas—*John Wiley*, 216 p., \$2.75. Condensed to a handy size, this text and reference book contains no superfluous wordage. It does contain, in addition to the skeltonized text, helpful reference tables, an index, and a bibliography.

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