

# •First Glances at New Books

## Animal Psychology

A FRIEND IN THE DARK, THE STORY OF A "SEEING EYE" DOG—Ruth Adams Knight—*Grosset & Dunlap*, 65 p., illus., \$1. The mutual training of guide dogs and the sightless people they lead, told in semi-narrative form; most attractively illustrated. Whether you know a blind person or not, if you like dogs you will find this book interesting.

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## Medicine

CARCINOMA OF THE FEMALE GENITAL ORGANS—M. C. Malinowsky and E. Quater; translated from the Russian by A. S. Schwartzmann—*Bruce Humphries*, 255 p., illus., \$5. Eleven chapters on various phases of the subject by Professors N. N. Anitschkow, W. J. Talalaew, E. I. Quater, M. S. Malinowsky, W. S. Grusdew, B. A. Archangel-sky, M. G. Kuschnir, S. I. Spassokozky, Dr. Th. J. Pojarissky and Privat-Dozent J. E. Gittelson.

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## Bacteriology

FUNDAMENTALS OF BACTERIOLOGY—Martin Frobisher—*Saunders*, 474 p., illus., \$3.25. By an associate in bacteriology at Johns Hopkins University who is also director of laboratories, The Eastern Health District, Baltimore. The writer assumes that students permitted to study bacteriology will be adequately prepared in physics and chemistry, as well as in elementary biology.

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## Herpetology

SNAKES AND THEIR WAYS—C. H. Curran and Carl Kauffeld—*Harper*, 285 p., illus., \$3.50. Where snakes live and how; fangs, venoms, and their use; snake stories and sea-serpent yarns; information and entertainment combined. The illustrations are abundant and of uniformly high quality. A valuable feature is a checklist of the snakes of the United States and Canada, with habitat annotations.

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## Geology

THE GEOLOGY OF MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK—Howard A. Coombs—*Univ. of Washington*, 212 p., illus., maps, 75c. Field scientists are coming more and more to choose our national parks as places for study, both by themselves and their classes. Dr. Coombs' brochure, which is quite candidly

designed for persons directly interested in geology and not for the tourist trade, will undoubtedly find wide usefulness with its chosen audience. The halftone figures of mineralogical photomicrographs are particularly commendable.

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## Mycology

THREE THOUSAND MYCOLOGICAL TERMS—Walter H. Snell—*Rhode Island Botanical Club*, 151 p., illus., \$2. Botanists generally, and mycologists particularly, will welcome this extensive glossary of the special vocabulary needed by those who would understand fungi. The definitions are very brief but quite adequate.

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## Horticulture

VINES FOR EVERY GARDEN—Dorothy H. Jenkins—*Doubleday*, 95 p., \$1. Trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, all have had thorough discussion in book after book; vines have been rather neglected—strange, too, considering how indispensable they are to a well-gardened home place. Miss Jenkins here supplies the lack, in a small but comprehensive book full of practical suggestions.

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## Zoology

ON JUNGLE TRAILS—Frank Buck—*World*, 280 p., illus., 96c. Frank Buck's "bring 'em back alive" stories are of the kind that boys (and a good many girls, too), "eat up alive." Here is a collection of them, suitably arranged for school use.

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## Psychology

MEASUREMENT IN PSYCHOLOGY—Thelma Hunt—*Prentice-Hall*, 471 p., \$3. A summary of the whole field of different types of mental testing intended as a textbook for college students.

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## Marine Biology

SEASHORE LIFE—Harrington Wells—*Wagner*, 271 p., illus., \$1.25. A well-illustrated book for younger readers, telling its story in simple terms but not "denatured." Designed primarily for use on the Pacific coast of the United States, but contains a wealth of material that is valid wherever salt water meets sand or rock.

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## Geography

POLISH COUNTRYSIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND NARRATIVE—Louise A. Boyd, with a contribution by Stanislaw Gorzuchowski—*American Geographical Society*, 235 p., illus., \$4. How the people live in the rural districts of Poland (and that means most of the country), how they raise and harvest their crops, how they travel, what manner of houses they live in, where they go to church on Sunday—the whole story of a land and its people presented in scholarly yet thoroughly interesting fashion. There are over a hundred solid pages of excellent photographic illustrations, and scores more of pictures scattered through the text.

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## Physics

MECHANICS, MOLECULAR PHYSICS, HEAT, AND SOUND—Robert Andrews Millikan, Duane Roller, and Earnest Charles Watson—*Ginn*, 498 p., illus., \$4. This book, which started off to be merely a revision of Prof. Millikan's text on these subjects, has turned out to be a much more comprehensive and profound text for serious students who are majoring in science or engineering.

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## Natural History

HAPPY NATURE ADVENTURES—Mary C. Butler—*Dorrance*, 113 p., \$1.50. Easily flowing essays, with many personal narrative touches, about a variety of outdoor subjects, ranging from warblers and bobwhites to tall trees and high rocks.

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## Medicine

GREEK MEDICINE—Fred B. Lund—*Hoerber*, 161 p., \$2. Another interesting addition to the *Clio Medica* series.

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## Ornithology

BIRDS ASHORE AND A-FORESHORE—Patrick Chalmers—*Collins*, 180 p., colored plates, \$7.50. A beautiful book about British birds, that many on this side of the Atlantic will want to own. The text, discursive, anecdotal, breaks into verse at the slightest provocation. The plates are such as Fuertes might have been willing to claim as his own—and higher praise than that an American cannot give to a bird picture. All round, as fine a book for bird-lovers as has appeared in a long time.

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