

# • First Glances at New Books

## Physiology

LOVE AND HAPPINESS: INTIMATE PROBLEMS OF THE MODERN WOMAN—I. M. Hotep—*Knopf*, 242 p., \$2. Using the name of the earliest known physician, Imhotep, the medical demigod of ancient Egypt, a modern physician writes understandingly and helpfully for modern women, from the 15-year-old worrying over the question of petting and necking to the 40-year-old and older woman, married, unmarried or widowed, who is seeking love and happiness. The book is full of sound, practical advice for women but it also contains much information that might prove useful to parents, teachers, husbands and lovers of women.

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## Psychology

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR AND CHILD PERSONALITY—Lois Barclay Murphy—*Columbia Univ.*, 344 p., \$3.50. A detailed study of the way in which children in the nursery school react to fellow inhabitants of their world as compared with the world of adults. In addition to studying aggressiveness, resistance and conflict, other social responses such as sympathy, cooperation and friendliness are given particular attention in the studies reported.

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## Nutrition

NUTRITION, FINAL REPORT OF THE MIXED COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ON THE RELATION OF NUTRITION TO HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC POLICY—League of Nations—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 327 p., \$2. Feeding the world is viewed from a broad scientific and economic standpoint in this significant report by international authorities.

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## Nursing

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING—Katharine McLean Steele—*F. A. Davis*, 370 p., \$3.50. A textbook by the superintendent of nurses at the Worcester, Mass., State Hospital.

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## Veterinary Medicine

DISEASES AND SURGERY OF THE DOG, ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED—Raymond J. Garbutt—*Orange Judd*, 332 p., illus., \$3.50. "Vet" and kennelman alike will find this book very valuable. Its discussions and descriptions are terse and clear, its recommended remedies stan-

dard and practical. Quality of illustrations is generally poor; it is to be hoped that in a future edition these will be brought up to the level of the text.

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## Exploration—Biography

CONQUEROR OF THE SEAS: THE STORY OF MAGELLAN—Stefan Zweig—*Viking*, 335 p., \$3.50. Vividly told story of one of the boldest men the world has ever known. His present biographer, however, almost withholds the very crown of Magellan's credit, showing that this great captain, though hardy, was credulous, and practically blundered into his greatest discovery through trusting an egregiously erroneous map.

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## Ornithology

STRANGE BIRDS AND THEIR STORIES—A. Hyatt Verrill—*L. C. Page*, 203 p., \$2.50. A new book of bird biographies that goes into the jungles of the tropics for most of its wonders. Nevertheless, the author does find a considerable number of temperate-zone birds sufficiently remarkable to merit discussion. The text illustrations (there are scores of them) are by the author; in addition, there are a number of colored plates.

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## Dendrology

TREES OF NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES, NATIVE AND NATURALIZED (Rev. and enl. ed.)—H. P. Brown—*Christopher*, 490 p., illus., \$3. This book originally started out as a dendroflora of New York State. However, since that remarkably diversified region comes so near being a complete botanical "sample" of the whole Northeast, it was but a logical step to extend its ambit. The method followed is practically standardized now, and a good one: a page of descriptive text faced by a full-page line illustration showing all critical points.

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## Electrical Engineering

ARMATURE WINDING—David P. Moreton, Carl H. Dunlap, L. R. Drinkall—*American Technical Society*, 280 p., illus., \$2. Detailed technical information of value to electrical engineers.

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## Astronomy

THE OBSERVATIONAL APPROACH TO COSMOLOGY—Edwin Hubble—*Oxford Univ. Press*, 68 p., \$2.50. Price changed from first announced price of \$4.

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## History

"SO YOU THINK IT'S NEW"—Wilfred J. Funk—*Funk and Wagnalls*, 198 p. illus., \$1.75. Gaily and humorously, Dr. Funk of dictionary fame tells us how modern the ancients really were. The Romans put up a snappy game of draughts. The Greeks were mildly crazy on the subject of diets. Rome had speakeasies. Medieval Germany worried over a nudist problem. And to convince skeptics who may doubt life was that interesting, Dr. Funk adds a bibliography, representing a few high spots of his learned sources.

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## Mythology

LOST ATLANTIS—James Bramwell—*Harper*, 288 p., \$2.75. Weirdly interesting, supported by a few facts and many fantasies, the legend of Atlantis will not die. At times almost mystical in its approach to the problem of the legendary continent, this book is interesting reading, enlivened by the author's well-developed sense of humor. Still, despite the massive bibliography and extensive quotations of source material, Atlantis is seen "through a glass, darkly."

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## Archaeology

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE (7th ed., rev.)—George A. Barton—*American Sunday-School Union*, 607 p., 138 plates, \$3.50. This well known reference work continues to provide Bible students with an impressive amount of archaeological information, brought very carefully up-to-date. This new edition includes writings unearthed at Ras Shamra, the much-discussed Chester Beatty papyri, and compact descriptions of latest digging at Bible sites.

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## Anthropology

CULTURE ELEMENT DISTRIBUTIONS: VI, SOUTHERN SIERRA NEVADA—Harold E. Driver—*Univ. California Press*, 101 p., map, \$1. A study, mainly statistical, showing how various cultural traits of Indian groups are distributed in a given region.

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CULTURE ELEMENT DISTRIBUTIONS: VII, OREGON COAST—H. G. Barnett—*Univ. California Press*, 49 p., 50 c. Another of the anthropological tabulations, to show distribution of Indian culture traits.

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