

• First Glances at New Books

General Science

YEAR BOOK No. 36, 1937—*Carnegie Institution of Washington*, 419 p., \$1. paper, \$1.50 cloth. The Carnegie Institution of Washington, through its many staff members and associates distributed in laboratories and field stations throughout the world, has its fingers on the pulse of practically every science. Its annual reports therefore are practically summaries of progress in all the sciences. The list of new publications issued under the auspices of the Institution during 1937 occupies 23 pages of close-set type.

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Medicine—Biography

THE CONQUEST OF BLINDNESS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF HENRY RANDOLPH LATIMER—Henry Randolph Latimer—*American Foundation for the Blind*, 363 p., illus., \$3.25. Although blind persons and those who work with and for the blind will find greatest interest in this unusual book, it can be recommended to readers without any special interest in blindness and may well open the eyes of many a seeing person to the world of the blind and the great strides that have been made in that world in recent years.

Science News Letter, June 18, 1938

Physiology

FREE SPEECH—THE STAMMERER'S RIGHT—Mabel Farrington Gifford—*pub. by author, San Francisco, Calif.*, 150 p., \$2. A manual for stammerers prepared by the State Chief of the California Department of Education's bureau for correction of speech defects and disorders. The author's own experience as a stammerer added to her educational knowledge should make the book particularly useful for those to whom it is addressed.

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Geography

INFLUENCE OF GEOGRAPHY ON OUR ECONOMIC LIFE—Douglas C. Ridgley and Sidney E. Ekblaw—*Gregg Pub. Co.*, 658 p., illus., \$1.84. A textbook intended for use in beginning courses in economic geography.

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Botany

OUR FERNS, THEIR HAUNTS, HABITS AND FOLKLORE—Willard N. Clute—*Stokes*, 388 p., illus., \$4. A veteran pteridologist gives us a book that should please those already interested in ferns and gain new recruits for their ranks, for this book is filled with the distilla-

tion of a long lifetime of study and at the same time is written in such charmingly discursive style that it must inevitably tempt the general reader to desire better acquaintance with the plants that can furnish so many and such attractive subjects for discussion.

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Physiology

STEP BY STEP IN SEX EDUCATION—Edith Hale Swift—*Macmillan*, 205 p., \$2. A woman physician who has had to find answers to her own children's questions on sex writes a guide for other parents in the form of imaginary but quite probable dialogue showing how sex education can be given easily at various periods in the child's life.

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Home Economics

EXPERIMENTAL FOOD STUDY—Agnes Fay Morgan and Irene Sanborn Hall—*Farrar & Rinehart*, 414 p., \$3. A laboratory text for students of household science which should do much to inculcate the scientific spirit in these students.

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Ichthyology

THE LIFE STORY OF THE FISH—Brian Curtis—*Appleton-Century*, 260 p., illus., \$3. A briskly written popular account of the structures and functions of the fish's body, with sidelights on what these mean in the evolutionary history of the rest of the vertebrates, including ourselves. Excellently adapted for reference use in schools as well as for the general reader.

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Ornithology

A BOOK OF BIRDS—Mary Priestley—*Macmillan*, 384 p., illus., \$2.50. An anthology of excerpts from a long line of authors, from Aristotle and Geoffrey Chaucer to Gilbert White and W. H. Hudson, with black-and-white illustrations done in woodcut style.

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Physics—Biography

ISAAC NEWTON, 1642-1727—J. W. N. Sullivan—*Macmillan*, 275 p., \$2.50. This, the last book of a well-known British popular writer, interprets Newton's character on the basis of all the published Newtoniana. The picture of the man which emerges is the most life-like yet drawn, though the author was curiously blind to the psychological causes of Newton's indifference to his scientific work.

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Biography

EDWARD WILSON, NATURE LOVER—George Seaver—*Dutton*, 221 p., illus., \$3. Edward Wilson's life was short, but it was a full life with a heroic ending, and he left much for his contemporaries and successors to admire and value. Mr. Seaver's biography leaves us with the feeling that in our time there has been one who could be called, properly and in truth, heroic.

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History

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL YEAR BOOK: A COMPENDIUM OF THE WORLD'S PROGRESS FOR THE YEAR 1937—Frank H. Vizetelly, ed.—*Funk & Wagnalls*, 801 p., illus., \$6.25. Latest of these informative guides to the history of our times, the science articles are particularly useful for reference purposes.

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Conservation

THE ORGANIZATION OF NATURE PROTECTION IN THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES—G. A. Brouwer—*Amer. Comm. for International Wild Life Protection*, 112 p., 75 c. A highly useful summary, first published in Dutch in 1930. Although numerous changes have taken place since then in the field of wildlife conservation, this translation still has great value as a background statement.

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General Science

SOVIET SAMPLES: DIARY OF AN AMERICAN PHYSIOLOGIST—Percy M. Dawson—*Edwards Bros.*, 568 lithoprinted p., \$4.25. This book will be interesting to both lay and scientific readers. The simplified spelling makes reading a little difficult at first.

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Medicine

FIFTY YEARS A COUNTRY DOCTOR—William N. Macartney—*Dutton*, 584 p., \$3.50. An interesting tale told with the simple, colorful language of the country doctor. While the book will be best appreciated by physicians, the medically minded layman might also enjoy it.

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Sociology

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND POLICIES IN SWEDEN—Bertil Ohlin, ed.—*American Acad. of Political and Social Science*, 301 p., \$2. paper, \$2.50 cloth. Pertinent information on one of the most successful of Europe's democracies.

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