

• First Glances at New Books

Medicine

MEDICINE IN MODERN SOCIETY—David Riesman—*Princeton Univ.*, 226 p., \$2.50. Here is a book that could well be put on the "must read" list of every intelligent layman. Medical history; simply written explanations of causes, treatments and prevention of diseases; descriptions of the physician's education, his job and his philosophy; and a discussion of the problem of providing medical care—all these are blended into a highly readable thought-provoking book which not only provides much useful information but also really does give, as its title implies, a picture of the place of medicine in modern society.

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Zoology

FIELD GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND TURTLES—Harold L. Babcock—*Boston Society of Natural History*, 56 p., illus., \$1. In addition to descriptions and field notes, the habits of the turtles relative to their tamability are discussed. There are nine colored plates.

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Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY OF CHILD BEHAVIOR—Arne S. Jensen—*Prentice-Hall*, 664 p., \$3.85. This is a textbook by the associate professor of psychology at Oregon Normal School. The author has avoided isms and has freely drawn from other sciences in an effort to give a picture of the whole child without introduction of controversial matters.

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Zoology

ANIMALS WITHOUT BACKBONES; AN INTRODUCTION TO THE INVERTEBRATES—Ralph Buchsbaum—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 371 p., \$5. See page 25.

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Psychiatry—Sociology

MENTAL DISORDERS IN URBAN AREAS—Robert E. L. Faris and H. Warren Dunham—*Univ. of Chic.*, 270 p., \$2.50. See page 25.

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Chemistry

THE OXIDATION STATES OF THE ELEMENTS AND THEIR POTENTIALS IN AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS—Wendell M. Latimer—*Prentice-Hall*, 352 p., \$3. This text, treating the energies of the elements in their various oxidation states, requires little elementary knowledge of thermodynamics. In quite the same way, it is not necessary to know practical survey-

ing to determine the relative heights of two mountains when one can refer to suitable published tables. The author uses this point of view to provide a book of interest to chemists rather than to those who would delve deeply into thermodynamics.

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Engineering

MILLIONS ON WHEELS; HOW TO BUY, DRIVE, AND SAVE MONEY ON YOUR AUTOMOBILE—Dewey H. Palmer and Laurence E. Crooks—*Vanguard*, 308 p., \$2.50. A representative of Consumers Union and an automotive engineer collaborate in an analysis of how automobiles are built: the limitations under which the manufacturer operates, such as the necessity to divert much of the development into readily salable items. They name names, pointing to what they think are good, bad and indifferent features.

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Anthropology

THE PEOPLING OF VIRGINIA—R. Bennett Bean—*Chapman & Grimes*, 302 p., \$3. The anthropology of a state is a rather new book subject, but it may be expected that many states will now be studied in similar fashion. Dr. Bean gives facts about past and present Virginians, their nationalities, types, where they settled, and what Virginians are like in physical traits today.

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Child Study

BABIES ARE HUMAN BEINGS—C. Anderson Aldrich and Mary M. Aldrich—*Macmillan*, 128 p., \$1.75. An attractive and readable book on infant development intended for parents. The authors are a baby doctor and his wife.

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Psychology—Physiology

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF SPEECH CORRECTION—James F. Bender and Victor M. Kleinfeld—*Pitman Pub. Corp.*, 298 p., \$2.25. Intended for teachers of speech correction.

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Sociology

WE ARE FORTY AND WE DID GET JOBS—C. B. Thompson and M. L. Wise—*Lippincott*, 260 p., \$1.47. Very personal counsel to those who are looking for jobs, from two women who were a success at that sometimes soul-wearying occupation.

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Biography

LEONARDO DA VINCI—Antonina Valentini; trans. by E. W. Dickes—*Viking Press*, 561 p., illus., \$3.75. So many geniuses were compounded in the person of Leonardo that artists, scientists, physicians, architects and those in many other walks of life will read this biography with almost personal interest. Subtitled "The Tragic Pursuit of Perfection," it is the story of a man ahead of his age, almost at times ahead of even the present.

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Aviation

AIR NAVIGATION (2d. ed.)—P. V. H. Weems—*McGraw-Hill*, 587 p., \$5.

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Archaeology

THE ANNUAL OF THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH, VOL. XVII for 1936-37—Miller Burrows and E. A. Speiser, eds.—*American Schools of Oriental Research*, 141 p., plates, \$2.50. Results of four seasons' work at Tell Beit Mirsim, tentatively identified with the Biblical Kirjath-sepher, are continued by Prof. W. F. Albright in this volume. Discoveries in the succession of Bronze Age settlements are described.

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Archaeology

THE CULTS OF LANUVIUM—A. E. Gordon—*Univ. of California*, 58 p., 35 c. Discussion of Roman gods and religious rites at a town near Rome, with special attention to the worship of Juno Sospita and the serpent festival.

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Sociology

SOCIAL ECOLOGY—Milla Aissa Alihan—*Columbia Univ. Press*, 267 p., \$2.75. With a deepening realization that constant reaction is taking place between man and his environment, interest in human ecology is increasing. This volume is intended to give a bird's eye view of researches in this field with a critical analysis of them.

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Agriculture

BEHOLD OUR LAND—Russell Lord—*Houghton Mifflin*, 310 p., \$3. The author of this book draws a frank yet not alarmist picture of the erosion situation against a background of land settlement history, and tells what is being done about it and what yet needs to be done.

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