

# • First Glances at New Books

## Astronomy

WHO'S WHO IN THE MOON—*Historical Section, British Astronomical Association*, 130 p., 4s. 6d. (Memoirs, vol. 34, part I). Brief notations regarding the many earthly worthies who are monumentalized in the names which astronomers have given to topographic features on the moon.

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## Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE FIGURE IN COLOR AND MONOCHROME—Charles Simpson—*Amer. Photographic Pub. Co.*, 208 p., 102 plates, figures, \$5. This book of British origin is intended for photographers who are particularly interested in the artistic portrayal of the human form. Chapters on child snapshots and character studies will be of wide interest.

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## Regional Study

YOUR COMMUNITY: Its Provision for Health, Education, Safety and Welfare—Joanna C. Colcord—*Russell Sage Foundation*, 249 p., 85 c. This is a sort of intelligence test for the place where you live, a specification for desirable surroundings. It is so arranged that you can actually apply it to your own community. The material on health will be especially interesting in view of the ferment on this subject. Plenty of practical references.

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## Archaeology

THE CLOTHING OF THE ANCIENT ROMANS—Lillian M. Wilson—*Johns Hopkins*, 178 p., illus., \$5. See page 40.

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## Plant Physiology

PLANT GROWTH SUBSTANCES—Hugh Nicol—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 108 p., illus., \$2. See page 41.

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## Botany

BOTANIC GARDENS OF THE WORLD; MATERIALS FOR A HISTORY (2d ed.)—*Brooklyn Botanic Garden*, 406 p., \$2.50. Brooklyn Botanic Garden Record, Vol. XXVII, No. 3, July, 1938.

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## Economics—History

THE BIRTH OF THE OIL INDUSTRY—Paul H. Giddens—*Macmillan*, 216 p., \$3. This volume, with an introduction by Ida M. Tarbell, tells the story of one of America's giant industries—from Father Joseph de la Roche d'Allion's

observation of petroleum in 1627 down to the beginning of the kerosene age, when petroleum really became Big Business. Prof. Giddens has drawn in colorful fashion a portrait based on many new materials.

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## Economics—Law

HOW TO AVOID FINANCIAL TANGLES—Kenneth C. Masteller—*American Institute for Economic Research*, 160 p., \$1. Good advice on property problems, investments, wills and trusts, insurance, taxes, etc. Just the kind of information that will help a person through the maze of financial problems that confront most of us.

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## Economics

WINDOWS ON THE WORLD—Kenneth Miller Gould—*Stackpole*, 421 p., \$3. A story of the modern world by the managing editor of the Scholastic. Its backgrounds present day problems and parades some of the history contributed to our difficulties and accomplishments.

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## Philosophy

PATTERNS OF SURVIVAL: AN ANATOMY OF LIFE—John Hodgdon Bradley—*Macmillan*, 223 p., \$2.25. Life is analyzed as a strange experiment. Dr. Bradley breaks through the artificial barriers between geology, paleontology, biology, anthropology, and philosophy to search for basic principles.

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## General Science

MAN AND HIS LIFE BELTS—Eric T. Bell—*Williams and Wilkins and Reynal and Hitchcock*, 340 p., \$3. Dr. Bell with the logic of a mathematician and the flair of a novelist analyzes the "lifebelt" theories of life, conduct and action—various religions, democracy, the industrial revolution, Marxism, economics, education, psychology, science, with combinations and variations.

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## Engineering—Sociology

AMERICAN PLANNING AND CIVIC ANNUAL—Harlean James, editor—*American Planning and Civic Association*, 346 p., \$3. A record of recent civic advance as shown in the proceedings of several conferences on national and state parks and on state, city and rural planning.

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## Exploration

ALONE—Richard E. Byrd—*Putnam*, 296 p., \$2.50. The personal experiences of Admiral Byrd when he was completely isolated in the South Polar night. It is an epic of modern exploration.

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## General Science

HOW TO ORGANIZE A SCIENCE CLUB—*The American Institute of the City of New York*, 35 p., 25 c. Good practical advice to those who want to help the rising generation find its own way into science as a useful and enlightening hobby.

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## Philosophy

SCIENTISTS ARE HUMAN—David Lindsay Watson—*Watts & Co., London*, 249 p., 7 s. 6 d. The thesis of this book cannot be better summarized in a sentence than in the words of Prof. John Dewey, who contributed the Foreword: "He shows . . . that the prevalence of mechanical modes of social organization has produced not merely mechanistic philosophies—a relatively minor matter—but a mechanism in the mind of the inquirer which stands in the way of the manifestation of his whole personality in the scientific work he does—a major matter."

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## General Science

INVENTORY: AN APPRAISAL OF RESULTS OF THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION—*Works Progress Administration*, 100 p., illus., 30c. Beautifully designed and produced, this report to the American people touches science, in its broad aspects, in the sections on aviation, historic shrines, education, health, libraries, conservation, historical surveys and records, science and research.

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## Religion—General Science

FRANCISCAN ALMANAC, 1939—*St. Anthony's Guild Press*, 695 p., 75 c. Useful as presenting a Catholic viewpoint on various scientific subjects.

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## General Science

SCIENCE IN A TAVERN—Charles S. Slichter—*Univ. of Wisconsin Press*, 186 p., \$3. Essays by Wisconsin's Dean Slichter, some with delightful historical content like that concerned with the Royal Society Club.

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