

# • First Glances at New Books

## Archaeology

THE WORLD'S OLDEST WRITINGS — Henry James Reynolds — *Antiquities Corp.*, 328 p., \$4.95. A physician who made antiquities, especially Egyptian writings, a travel study for years writes this book telling what the world's oldest writings are and a good deal more about them. The book covers an impressive ground, but stops short of meshing in such important developments as the Ras Shamra inscriptions, China's Shang archives on bone, or the Chester-Beatty Bible discoveries.

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## Psychology

FRUSTRATION AND AGGRESSION—John Dollard, Leonard W. Doob, Neal E. Miller, O. H. Mowrer and Robert R. Sears — *Yale University Press*, 209 p., \$2. See page 168.

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## Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR FUN AND MONEY—A. Frederick Collins—*Appleton*, 391 p., \$3. A prolific writer of elementary popular science books turns his hand to photography and brings to the novice much basic information seldom collected into a single volume.

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## Ethnology

PLAINS INDIAN PAINTING—John Canfield Ewers—*Stanford Univ.*, 84 p., illus., 42 plates, \$4.50. This book discusses and illustrates particularly paintings on hides, and the technique of this art; also painting on tepees, shields, and other articles. The painting of hides in other parts of America is described for comparison.

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## Ethnology

BASIN-PLATEAU ABORIGINAL SOCIO-POLITICAL GROUPS—Julian H. Steward—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 346 p., 50 c. See page 169.

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## Biology

A STUDY OF THE GENUS *SALVADORA*, THE PATCH-NOSED SNAKES—Charles M. Bogert—*Univ. of California Press*, 59 p., illus., 75 c.

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## Agriculture

HANDBOOK OF FERTILIZERS: THEIR SOURCE, MAKE-UP, EFFECTS AND USE (3d ed.)—A. F. Gustafson—*Orange Judd*, 172 p., \$1.75. Much briefer and

more compact than most works on the subject, this book nevertheless gets in all the essentials and is adequate either as a supplementary text for a course in agriculture or as a working reference book.

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## Anthropology

GYPSIES, THEIR LIFE AND THEIR CUSTOMS—Martin Block; Trans. by Barbara Kuczynski and Duncan Taylor—*Appleton-Century*, 248 p., \$3.50. A really fascinating book about a people whose ways have rarely been so reasonably discussed. The author deals entirely with Europe's gypsies, explaining their emotions and their problems in language almost as vivid as his illustrations.

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## Mathematics

PRINCIPLES OF THE THEORY OF PROBABILITY—Ernest Nagel—*Univ. of Chicago Press*, 80 p., \$1.

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## Ornithology

BICKNELL'S THRUSH, ITS TAXONOMY, DISTRIBUTION, AND LIFE HISTORY — George J. Wallace—*Boston Society of Natural History*, 401 p., \$1.25. The life history of one of the rarer birds of North America, monographically treated.

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## Technology

OXYACETYLENE WELDING (Rev.) — Robert J. Kehl; Rev. by Morgan H. Potter—*Amer. Tech. Soc.*, 130 p., \$1.25.

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## Documentation

FINDING LIST FOR UNITED STATES PATENT, DESIGN, TRADE-MARK, REISSUE, LABEL, PRINT, AND PLANT PATENT NUMBERS—Merle Randall and Evelyn Boelter Watson—*Univ. of Calif.*, 31 p., 35c.

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## Economics

VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TEMPORARY NATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, VOL. I, December 1, 1938 to January 20, 1939—*Bur. of National Affairs, Inc.* 630 p., \$5.

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## Botany

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS AND "THE MAN-EATING TREE"—Sophia Prior—*Field Museum of Natural History*, 20 p., 25 c. A most interesting pamphlet, telling of carnivorous plants, real and imaginary, with good illustrations of both kinds.

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## Medicine

OH, DOCTOR! MY FEET!—Dudley J. Morton—*Appleton-Century*, 116 p., illus., \$1.50. With two World's Fairs in prospect for this summer, there should be plenty of readers for this book. The author, physician and professor of anatomy, uses the device of a doctor talking to his patient, nurse and fellow physicians to give information on foot troubles, their causes and what he believes should be done for them. The book is easy to read and should be helpful.

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## Biology

ANALES DE LA ESCUELA NACIONAL DE CIENCIAS BIOLÓGICAS, Vol. I, Núm. 1—*Dirección de la Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Biológicas, México, D. F., México*, quarterly, \$3 per volume. A new journal, intended for the publication of results of scientific research in Mexico. Contents of this initial number range from in vitro cultivation of a *Rickettsia* and chromosome structure of a *Drosophila* species to the toxicology of scorpion venom. Format and typography are excellent, but improvement is possible in some of the photographic plates.

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## Biography

SIR THOMAS RODDICK — H. E. MacDermot—*Macmillan*, 160 p., \$2. This biography of one of Canada's great medical men is interesting not only because of the personality and accomplishments of Sir Thomas but also because of the interesting background of Canadian history.

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## Public Health

DIETS OF FAMILIES OF EMPLOYED WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS IN CITIES—Hazel K. Stiebeling and Esther F. Phipard—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 141 p., 15 c. (U. S. Dept. of Agr. Circular 507).

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## Photography

LIFELIKE PORTRAITURE WITH YOUR CAMERA—W. H. Doering; L. A. Leigh, tr.—*American Photographic Publishing Co.*, 108 p., illus., \$2. One of the few new photographic books that gives definite help. It treats portraiture as distinct from still life, and gives much information for its size.

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