

• First Glances at New Books

Economics

GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC LIFE, Development and Current Issues of American Public Policy, Vol. I—Leverett S. Lyon, Myron W. Watkins and Victor Abramson—*Brookings Inst.*, 519 p., \$3. With the link between government and economic life in America becoming increasingly intimate, this book provides an interesting background to current problems. Here is traced the evolution of government's connection with business, implementation as well as control.

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Anthropology

RELIGION IN PRIMITIVE SOCIETY—Wilson D. Wallis—*Crofts*, 388 p., \$5. A non-technical, though none the less comprehensive, survey of religious ideas and practices. Its points are emphasized by an inexhaustible store of illustrative incidents, from all ages and the world over.

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History

THE LIFE OF GREECE—Will Durant—*Simon and Schuster*, 755 p., \$3.95. Another of Dr. Durant's large volumes, which provides something like a fireside educational course on a significant phase of the past. He traces with wealth of detail the rise, glory, and fall of the Greeks, closing with thoughts regarding elements of Greek civilization—good and bad—which are living on in the world today.

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Bacteriology

PATHOGENIC MICROORGANISMS (11th ed.)—William Hallock Park and Anna Wessels Williams—*Lea & Febiger*, 1056 p., \$8. Revision of this classic text book for its eleventh edition was the last task of the distinguished senior author, a fact which for many readers will doubtless increase the desirability of owning the book.

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BOTANY

FLOWERING EARTH—Donald Culross Peattie—*Putnam*, 260 p., \$2.50. See page 331.

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Geography

KANSAS, A Guide to the Sunflower State—Federal Writers' Project—*Viking*, 538 p., \$2.50. What to see in "the exact center of the United States," and in a state that perhaps needs a guidebook more than a good many others, is discriminatingly pointed out in this hand-

book. What the people are like, their farming problems and their folklore are told by a well-informed guide; with the usual tour book data added.

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Archaeology

UNDER YOUR FEET, The Story of the American Mound Builders — Blanche Busey King—*Dodd, Mead*, 169 p., \$2.50. A popular account of the Mound Building Indian culture, which flourished in the Mississippi Valley in pre-Columbian times.

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Exploration

FIVE MILES HIGH—Robert H. Bates, Richard L. Burdsall, William P. House, Charles S. Houston, Paul K. Petzoldt and Capt. Norman R. Streatfeild — *Dodd, Mead*, 381 p., \$4. The highest climb yet made, except on Everest, is the American Karakoram Expedition's 26,000 feet reached in 1938 in ascending K2, which is the second highest of mountains. How the base of summit cone, 2,250 feet from the top, was reached by two hardy climbers is the engrossing climax of this well-planned book.

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Hobbies

LOW-COST CRAFTS FOR EVERYONE—H. Atwood Reynolds—*Greenberg*, 322 p., \$2. Suggestions and directions for making such things as greetings, favors, toys, and useful gadgets out of such materials as shells, nuts, metal, oilcloth, gourds, and cones.

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Economics

FROM NAZI SOURCES: WHY HITLER CAN'T WIN—Fritz Sternberg—*Alliance Book Co.*, 208 p., \$1.75. See page 328.

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Political Science—Geography

THE EARTH AND THE STATE, A Study of Political Geography—Derwent Whitteley—*Holt*, 618 p., \$3.75. See page 326.

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Medicine

THE HEALTH INSURANCE DOCTOR: His Rôle in Great Britain, Denmark and France—Barbara N. Armstrong—*Princeton Univ.* 264 p., \$3. Both physicians and laymen concerned over the future of medical practice in the United States will do well to read this account of health insurance as it functions in three other democratic nations.

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Physics

RUTHERFORD—A. S. Eve—*Cambridge (Macmillan)*, 451 p., \$5. Lord Rutherford of Nelson, Ernest Rutherford as he was born in New Zealand, Rutherford of Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, as he was known to his fellow scientists was a pioneer in modern experimental physics; pioneer atom splitter, the first of the true alchemists. This Life and Letters edited by a friend of long standing and formerly Macdonald professor of physics at McGill University, gives a vivid and intimate picture of the man and the rush of discovery that pivoted about him. Not in scientific reports are to be found essential side-lights on a great scientific career, but in anecdote and spontaneous letters Rutherford's years of discovery may be lived again.

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Economics

CONSUMER EXPENDITURES IN THE UNITED STATES; Estimates for 1935-36—National Resources Committee—*Govt. Print. Off.*, 195 p., 50c. See page 325.

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Mathematics

DESCRIPTIVE GEOMETRY—A. V. Millar and K. G. Shiels—*Heath*, 192 p., \$2.25. A University of Wisconsin text for use by engineers. It includes the intricate art of representing objects of three dimensions on a plane surface. In various editions the book has been in use for the last 25 years.

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Archaeology—Chemistry

THE COMPOSITION OF ANCIENT GREEK BRONZE COINS—Earle Radcliffe Caley—*American Philosophical Soc.*, 203 p., 4 pl., \$2.50. Both archaeologists and students of coins will find this chemical investigation by Prof. Caley of considerable interest. His analyses reveal significant facts about coinage history as well as Greek economics, show why methods of cleaning coins vary in success, and provide chemical evidence for solution of numismatic problems.

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Natural History

SOUTHERN NATURE STORIES, Book Two—W. B. Baker, Lucien Harris, Jr., and Wallace Rogers—*Turner E. Smith*, 239 p., 88c. Stories of the plant and animal life of the piney woods, swamps, hammocks, for children in the schools of the South.

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