

Books of the Week

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BIOLUMINESCENCE—E. Newton Harvey and others—*New York Academy of Sciences*, 156 p., illus., paper, \$2.50. A collection of papers on animal light such as from the firefly and luminous fish and bacteria.

BOTANIK DER GEGENWART UND VORZEIT IN CULTURHISTORISCHER ENTWICKELUNG: Ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der Abendländischen Völker—Karl F. W. Jessen—*Chronica Botanica*, 495 p., paper, \$6.00. An offset reprint edition duplicating exactly a classic in botany originally published in 1864.

CHEMICAL ARCHITECTURE—R. E. Burk and Oliver Grummitt, Eds.—*Interscience*, 202 p., illus., \$4.50. A group of technical papers by authorities in their various fields.

CRYSTALLINE ENZYMES—John H. Northrop, Moses Kunitz and Roger M. Herriott—*Columbia University Press*, 2d ed. rev., 352 p., illus., \$7.50. Containing new material on the synthesis of proteins and the formation of viruses, at least some of which are now believed to be proteins.

THE EARTH'S FACE AND HUMAN DESTINY—Ehrenfried Pfeiffer—*Rodale Press*, 182 p., illus., \$2.75. A book on conservation by a Swiss writer.

THE GENIUS OF INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH—D. H. Killeffer—*Reinhold*, 263 p., illus., \$4.50. This account of how industrial research is conducted is intended especially to guide those entering the field. The illustrations are taken mostly from industrial chemistry.

GUIDE TO EASTERN FERNS—Edgar T. Wherry—*University of Pennsylvania Press*, 2d ed., 252 p., illus., \$2.00. An aid to identification.

HANDBOOK OF APPLIED PHARMACOLOGY—Frederick Schroeder and Arthur W. Grace, Eds.—*Long Island College Hospital*, 133 p., \$2.00. A listing of drugs and recommended dosages, using metric units and including tables of conversion to apothecary system. Chemical preparations are listed under both chemical and proprietary names.

HOW TO TAKE INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

—Moni Hans Zielke and Franklin G. Beezley—*McGraw-Hill*, 113 p., illus., \$5.00. Generously illustrated with photographs, this book should be valuable to both professional and amateur photographer.

LIGNIN, CHEMISTRY AND UTILIZATION—*Northeastern Wood Utilization Council*, 135 p., paper, \$2.00. Report of conference at New Haven, Conn., Sept. 19, 1947.

MALAYSIA, CROSSROADS OF THE ORIENT—Fay-Cooper Cole—*Oregon State System of Higher Education*, 20 p., illus., paper, 75 cents. Anthropological background for an understanding of a part of the world of newly realized importance to us.

NEWER METHODS OF PREPARATIVE ORGANIC CHEMISTRY—*Interscience*, rev. ed., 657 p., \$8.50. A translation of the German *Neuere Methoden der präparativen organischen Chemie*, I.

PERENNIAL HARVEST—Philip Hillyer Smith—*Harper*, 272 p., illus., \$3.00. An account of the rebuilding of an old farm and incidentally of a life.

PSYCHOLOGY AND MILITARY PROFICIENCY: A History of the Applied Psychology Panel of the National Defense Research Committee—Charles W. Bray—*Princeton University Press*, 242 p., illus., \$3.50. Making public the results of important wartime research on the human element in warfare.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF BEHAVIOR DISORDERS: A Biosocial Interpretation—Norman Cameron—*Houghton Mifflin*, 622 p., illus., \$5.00. The author sees neuroses and psychoses as a community and a national problem. A book of interest especially to physicians and psychologists.

A RUSSIAN JOURNAL—John Steinbeck with pictures by Robert Capa—*Viking*, 220 p., illus., \$3.75. Intended to portray the people of Russia. The numerous photographs are technically beautiful and tell an interesting story.

SMALL-FRUIT CULTURE: A Text for Instruction and a Guide for Field Practice—James Sheldon Shoemaker—*Blakiston*, 2d ed., 433 p., illus., \$4.00. A helpful book for the home gardener as well as the commercial fruit grower.

STARLINGS—Wilfred S. Bronson—*Harcourt, Brace*, illus., \$2.00. You will almost like the starling after reading this delightful book for children of all ages. The beautiful illustrations are by the author.

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Over-all length of the elephant shrew, including its seven-inch red-dotted tail, is about 17 inches. Its nose ends in a two-inch proboscis, searching and sensitive as an elephant's trunk. It has a kangaroo-like build, with short forelegs and disproportionately long hind legs.

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Science Service Radio

► LISTEN in to a discussion on Tropical Medicine and Malaria Today on "Adventures in Science" over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 3:15 p.m. EDST, Saturday, May 8. Dr. Arnaldo Gabaldon, Venezuelan delegate to the World Health Organization, and Dr. Lewis Hackett, an expert on malaria with the Rockefeller Foundation in Buenos Aires, will be the guests of Mr. Watson Davis, director of Science Service. They will discuss malaria and strange diseases, telling about the diagnosis and the new treatments for these diseases.

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Rare Elephant Shrews Are Captives in New York Zoo

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