

Books of the Week

For the editorial information of our readers, books received for review since last week's issue are listed. For convenient purchase of any U. S. books in print, send a remittance to cover retail price (postage will be paid) to Book Department, Science Service, 1719 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Request free publications direct from publisher, not from Science Service.

ALL-IN-ONE OVEN MEALS—Ruth Bean—*Barrows*, 223 p., \$2.95. A section of this book is made up of "under the broiler" recipes that are the quickest of all to prepare.

COINOMETRY: An Instructive Historical Introduction to Coins and Currency for the Young Collector—Robert V. Masters and Fred Reinfeld—*Sterling*, 93 p., illus., \$3.50. The authors have included in their guide a number of interesting stories about coins and coin collecting.

EVOLUTION AND HUMAN DESTINY—Fred Kohler—*Philosophical Library*, 120 p., \$2.75. The author warns the reader against the attempt to draw socio-political conclusions from the physical and biological data which he has presented, as there is a tendency for such conclusions to become dogma.

FIRST BOOK OF BRIDGE—Alfred Sheinwold—*Sterling*, 153 p., illus., \$2.00. This book, written by the playing partner of Oswald Jacoby, will help teen-agers in developing their game. Every system of bidding is discussed and important points are illustrated by the playing of a complete hand.

THE HOME FRUIT GARDEN IN THE NORTH-EASTERN AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES—*Govt. Printing Office*, USDA Leaflet No. 227, 8 p., paper, 5 cents. Information on the varieties of

fruit that can be grown in these states and hints for planting and care.

KODAK DATA BOOK ON SLIDES—*Eastman Kodak Company*, 4th ed., 47 p., illus., paper, 50 cents. A reference manual, giving step-by-step procedures, for those interested in making their own slides.

THE MAN'S COOKBOOK—Arthur H. Deute—*Barrows*, 254 p., \$2.95. A compilation of the author's recipes which he collected as a hobby and later published in newspaper articles. Originally published as 200 DISHES FOR MEN TO COOK.

THE MESQUITE PROBLEM ON SOUTHERN ARIZONA RANGES—Kenneth W. Parker and S. Clark Martin—*Govt. Printing Office*, USDA Circular No. 908, 70 p., illus., paper, 25 cents. Results of applying of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T resulted principally in defoliation. They are not recommended for control on the arid and semi-arid ranges of Arizona.

THE NILE: A General Account of the River and the Utilization of Its Waters—H. E. Hurst—*Constable* (Macmillan), 326 p., illus., \$6.00. This is an account of one of the world's greatest rivers, which has held the interest of geographers, historians, archaeologists and engineers. Unlike other great tropical rivers, the Nile flows from south to north.

101 BEST GAMES FOR GIRLS 6 TO 12—Lillian and Godfrey Frankel—*Sterling*, 128 p., illus., \$2.00. Simple games that can be played with little or no assistance from adults, with instructions written so that they can be read by children in this age group.

PROJECT MOUSE: Rx Mouse and X Mouse—Clarence C. Little, Ed.—*N. H. Chapter, Jackson Laboratory Association*, 83 p., illus., paper, \$1.67. This project was planned especially for science clubs and high school science classes to aid in providing scientists with the animal material they need for the battle against cancer.

RECORDINGS FOR TEACHING LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL—Arno Jewett—*Govt. Printing Office*, Office of Education Bulletin 1952, No. 19, 71 p., paper, 25 cents. Descriptions of ways in which commercial recordings are being used by teachers. About 500 titles are included in the bibliography of records.

ROCKETS BEYOND THE EARTH—Martin Caidin—*McBride*, 304 p., illus., \$4.50. After a discussion of developments in rockets during and after World War II, the remainder of the book is concerned with the non-technical aspects of space flight.

SOVIET CIVILIZATION—Corliss Lamont—*Philosophical Library*, 433 p., \$5.00. In the course of two extended trips to Soviet Russia and 20 years of study, the author found much to admire as well as to criticize. This book, which will be controversial, is stated to be an effort "to help stem the tide of misunderstanding between the United States and Soviet Russia, and thereby to make some contribution to the enduring peace for which our two peoples and the whole world so yearn."

SOVIET SCIENCE: A Symposium Presented on December 27, 1951, at the Philadelphia Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—Ruth C. Christman, Ed.—*American Association for the Advancement of Science*, 108 p., \$1.25. Though motivated by the desire to report the factual status of Soviet science, the writers have also taken up the effect of political intervention on science.

THE STORY OF MICROBES—Albert Schatz and Sarah R. Riedman—*Harper*, 172 p., illus., \$2.75. A children's book explaining the discovery and utilization of microbes. Included are simple experiments that will make the text more meaningful.

UNESCO FACTS: Six Years of Work—UNESCO Relations Staff, 18 p., paper, free upon request to publisher, Dept. of State, Washington 25, D. C. This report, the first in a new series, is a review of UNESCO's activities since its organization in 1946. Emphasis is on the developments during 1951.

WINCHESTER: The Gun That Won the West—Harold F. Williamson—*Combat Forces Press*, 494 p., illus., \$10.00. The financial success of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company was based on nonmilitary sales. An historical record of this company's growth since its founding in the 1850's.

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VETERINARY MEDICINE

Animals Have More Allergies Than Man

► ALLERGIES ARE more common in animals than in human beings, the American Veterinary Medical Association reports.

A dog got hives when the owner used a face powder to which the animal was allergic, the association reported. Other examples given are:

A herd of purebred cattle got hay fever and recovered when moved to another pasture.

A horse got skin trouble from allergy to substances in saddle soap and leather conditioner.

Dogs, the association added, get eczema from food allergies, and hay fever and rhinitis (running nose) from ragweed pollen.

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ENTOMOLOGY

Insecticide Kills Mosquito Larvae

► AN INSECTICIDE that kills mosquito larvae unharmed by DDT has proved effective in tests by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

One ounce of the insecticide, EPN, sprayed over an acre of flooded California pasture, caused almost complete extermination of mosquito larvae, while up to one pound of DDT-type insecticides, chlorinated hydrocarbons, failed to control them.

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