

First Glances at New Books

➤ **ENTERTAINING AND TIMELY** is this biography of a great American Army doctor, **WALTER REED: DOCTOR IN UNIFORM**, by L. N. Wood (*Messner*, \$2.50). Those readers who know Walter Reed only for his role in the conquest of yellow fever will be interested in his other medical activities and in the many incidents of his personal life.

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➤ **CHELONIAN ACQUAINTANCES**, principally of the box and wood species have been carefully cultivated by Mrs. Josephine Gibson Knowlton. Hence it comes to pass that her limited-edition book, **MY TURTLES**, contains an astonishing array of biological facts about these shelly citizens that are not to be found in even professional works on the subject. These details are served up with an entertaining seasoning of anecdote about the more outstanding personalities in the group. The one named Virginia, for instance; she nonchalantly gets up on her hind legs to reach for things beyond her ordinary reach. There are many superb photographic illustrations. (*Author*, Washington, D. C.; \$15).

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➤ **THE AIR MINISTRY'S** thrilling story of the planes and fliers that constitute a powerful offensive-defensive arm of the long-beleaguered but now counter-attacking island that is "Fortress Britannia" is told in **COASTAL COMMAND** (*Macmillan*, \$1.50). Beginning with the hunting of the *Bismarck*, there's stuff for a score of sea sagas in this thinnish book.

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➤ **FLEAS**, practically alone among ectoparasites, are often treated jocularly. But they really aren't funny: at best, they cause discomfort and loss of flesh to domestic animals, at worst they may be vectors of dangerous diseases. Timely and useful, therefore, is the appearance of a new government bulletin, **THE FLEAS OF NORTH AMERICA**, by H. E. Ewing and Irving Fox (*Supt. of Documents*, 20c), which gives correct technical descriptions of known species.

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➤ **MOLDS** mean spoiled stuff to most of us at first thought; but we could

have neither bread nor beer, cheese nor calcium gluconate, without the assistance of the lower fungi. The usefulness of the compact textbook, **AN INTRODUCTION TO INDUSTRIAL MYCOLOGY**, by George Smith and Harold Raistrick (*Edw. Arnold*, \$6), now in its second edition, is therefore well assured.

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➤ **LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE**, their country, customs and mannerisms are interestingly and vividly portrayed in **ECUADOR** (*Doubleday, Doran*, \$3.50) by Albert Franklin, a man who spent much time there and knows the topography, resources and the various peoples. This book is informative and entertaining.

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• Just Off the Press •

AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS—William F. Jorch—*Ronald Press*, 208 p., illus., \$3. Price correction.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PHYSIOLOGY—James Murray Luck and Victor E. Hall, editors—*Am. Physiological Soc. and Annual Reviews Inc.*, Vol. 5, 613 p., \$5.

THE BIOTIC PROVINCES OF NORTH AMERICA—Lee R. Dice—*Univ. of Mich. Press*, 78 p., \$1.75. "An experiment in classifying the major ecologic divisions of the continent."

THE CHEMISTRY OF LARGE MOLECULES—R. E. Burk and Oliver Grummitt, editors—*Interscience Publ.*, 313 p., illus., \$3.50. *Frontiers in Chemistry* series, Vol. 1. Published under auspices of Western Reserve University.

COLLEGE PHYSICS ABRIDGED—Henry A. Perkins—*Prentice Hall*, 591 p., illus., \$4, rev. ed.

COMPANY MUSEUMS—Laurence Vail Coleman—*Amer. Assn. of Museums*, 173 p., \$2.50.

THE FARM BLOC—Wesley McCune—*Doubleday, Doran*, 278 p., \$2.

A FIVE-YEAR PEACE PLAN: A Schedule for Peace Building—Edward J. Byng—*Coward-McCann*, 184 p., \$2.

THE FLOWER ENCYCLOPEDIA AND GARDENER'S GUIDE—Albert E. Wilkerson—*Garden City Pub. Co.*, 524 p., illus., 69c. Information on flowers and flower gardening and a guide for the home gardener.

MALACOLOGICAL NOTES—III—Fritz Haas—*Field Museum of Nat. Hist.*, 21 p. illus., 30c. *Zoological series*, v. 29, no. 1.

A MANUAL OF MECHANICAL MOVEMENTS—Will M. Clark, ed.—*Garden City Pub. Co.*, 254 p., illus., \$1.98.

MARINE PLANKTON DIATOMS OF THE WEST COAST OF NORTH AMERICA—Easter E. Cupp—*Univ. of Calif. Press*, 237 p., illus., \$2.50. *Bulletin of The Scripps Institute of Oceanography of The Univ. of California*.

MY TURTLES—Josephine Gibson Knowlton—*Casslon Press*, Washington, D. C., 222 p., \$15.

PREPARE YOURSELF: Physics Experiments With Practical Applications—Lawrence F. Tullen, George S. Porter and Arthur Houston—*Scott*, 298 p., illus., 96c.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PAMPHLETS—Rebuilding Europe After Victory—Hiram Mother-

well—*Public Affairs Comm.*, No. 81, 32 p. illus., 10c.

THE SCIENTIFIC LIFE—John R. Baker—*Macmillan*, 154 p., \$2.50.

SHRUBS AND TREES FOR THE SMALL PLACE—P. J. Van Melle—*Scribner*—298 p., \$2.50.

SMOKE STREAMS: Visualized Air Flow—Charles Townsend Ludington—*Coward-McCann*, 144 p., illus., \$2.75.

A TEXTBOOK OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY—Jesse Feiring Williams—*Saunders*, 573 p., illus., \$2.75, 7th ed.

THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—Lewis Sowden—*Doubleday, Doran*, 271 p., \$3.

THE UNITED NATIONS—The Booklist, v. 39, no. 18—*Amer. Lib. Ass'n.*, 25c a copy, reduction in quantity.

THE WAR ON CANCER—Edward Podolsky—*Reinhold*, 179 p., \$1.75.

WAR PLANES OF ALL NATIONS—William Winter—*Crowell*, 418 p., illus., \$3. Specifications, photographs, and outline plans. Because of military security reasons some data are necessarily inadequate, but an effort was made to keep them as complete as possible.

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