## First Glances at New Books

➤ YOU CAN follow the war with the new War Atlas For Americans, prepared with the assistance of the Office of War Information, and published for the Council on Books in Wartime in pamphlet edition and bound edition. (Simon and Schuster, \$1 or \$2.50). It contains 84 new and instructive war maps and a comprehensive explanatory text drafted under the guidance of Prof. Harold Sprout of Princeton.

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Down To Earth, by David Greenhound, (Holiday House, \$4.00), is a book for the layman that develops in simple, logical steps the theories and techniques of maps. It is a stimulating up-to-date survey of cartography, containing interesting facts and anecdotes. It contains directions for making maps from other maps or in the field.

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➤ THE PACIFIC, with the lands it touches and the islands it surrounds, has become a matter of intimate concern to all of us. We eagerly seek information now, where less than three years ago most of us were rather indifferent. To satisfy this need, yet without making too much demand on work-rushed readers' time, is the gratifying achievement of Fairfield Osborn's The Pacific World (Norton, \$3). Somehow the author has contrived to get the real essentials of geography, oceanography, climate, natural history and anthropology of this vast region into an even 200 pages of text, with some excelent color illustrations and maps.

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## Just Off the Press

ABSENCE FROM WORK, PREVENTION OF FATIGUE—British Information Services, 20 p., 10 cents. Conditions for Industrial Health and Efficiency, Pamphlet No. 2. Issued by the Industrial Health Research Board of the Medical Research Council.

AESCULAPIUS IN LATIN AMERICA—Aristides A. Moll—Saunders, 639 p., illus., \$7. A detailed history of medicine in Latin America written by the Secretary-Editor of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau of Washington, D. C.

ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL DYES—William F. Leggett—Chem. Pub., 95 p., \$2.25. Madder, Indigo, woad, saffron, safflower, weld, brazilwood, logwood, barwood, camwood, the fustics, orseille, cudbear, annatto, turmeric, cutch, gambir, querci-

tron, tyrian purple, kermes, cochineal, and lac.

ARGENTINA: Pivot of Pan-American Peace
—Henry Albert Phillips—Hastings House,
241 p., \$2.50.

AVIATION MATHEMATICS—C. A. Felker, E. A. Schweinhagen, H. W. Paine—Bruce Pub. Co., 356 p., diagrs., \$2.72. Mathematics takes wings in this text which substitutes wings and motors for apples and oranges, and covers the field from common fractions to the essentials of air navigation.

DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING MAN-UAL for High School Teachers—American Automobile Assoc., 136 p., illus., Rev. ed., free to High School teachers. Includes complete teaching outlines for both classroom and behind-the-wheel training.

EISENHOWER, MAN AND SOLDIER—Francis Trevelyan Miller—Winston, 278 p., \$2.

THE FLOWERING PLANTS AND FERNS OF MOUNT DIABLO, CALIFORNIA, Their Distribution and Association into Plant Communities—Mary L. Bowerman—Gillick Press, 290 p., illus., \$3.75.

THE HEARST HYDRIA, An Attic Footnote to Corinthian History—H. R. W. Smith—Univ. of Cal. Press, pp. 241-290, illus., 75c. University of California Publications in Classical Archaeology, vol. 1, No. 10.

INTRODUCTION TO NAVAL ARCHITECTURE
—John P. Comstock—Simmons-Boardman, 209 p., charts, \$4.

LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS IN BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY—James B. Sumner, and Fred Somers—*Academic Press*, 169 p., charts, \$2.60.

MYSTERIOUS LATIN INSCRIPTION IN CALIFORNIA—A. E. Gordon—Univ. of Cal. Press, pp. 313-356, illus., 50c. University of California Publications in Classical Archaeology vol. 1, No. 13.

OLD ORAIBI, A Study of the Hopi Indians of Third Mesa—Mischa Titiev—Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, 277 p., illus., \$4.50. Papers of the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University vol. 22, no. 1.

THE PACIFIC WORLD, Its vast distances, its lands and the life upon them, and its peoples—Fairfield Osborn, ed.—Norton, 218 p., \$3.

PLASTIC HORIZONS—B. H. Weil and Victor J. Anhorn—Jaques Cattell Press, 169 p., illus., \$2.50. Science For War and Peace Series. A useful introduction to the field with a good list of chemical equivalents to trade names.

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF INHALA-TIONAL THERAPY—Alvan L. Barach—Lippincott, 315 p., illus., \$4. For physicians who wish to understand the physiologic basis as well as the technics of inhalational therapy. This gives a background for the administration of oxygen, helium, carbon dioxide, positive pressure, alternating and equalizing pressure, and the vaporized solutions of various drugs such as epinephrine, neosynephrin, and some of the sultonamides.

PSYCHOLOGY IN LIVING—Wendell White—Macmillan, 333 p., \$2.50. Hints from a psychologist on how to get along with other people successfully and how to achieve mental health in this disquieting world.

SHOP JOB SHEETS IN RADIO, Book II, Service Problems—Robert Neil Auble—Macmillan, 128 p., \$1.50.

SOYBEAN CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY—Klare S. Markley and Warren H. Goss—Chemical Pub. Co., 261 p., illus., \$3.50.

STUDIES IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF OCE-ANIA AND ASIA—ed. by Carleton S. Coon and James M. Andrews, IV—Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology—220 p., illus., \$4.50. Papers of the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, vol. 20.

ZERO STORAGE IN YOUR HOME—Boyden Sparkes—Doubleday, Doran, 149 p., illus., \$2.50. Handbook of deep freezing.

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## Quick Camouflaging Means Is Subject of Invention

➤ A COMPACT kind of ready-made camouflage net, designed for covering small objects and installations very quickly, is protected by patent 2,351,142, issued to Meldon Mitchell of New York City. It consists of heavy paper, cloth or other material, slotted in such a way that a pull will expand it into a coarsemeshed net, and colored with suitable concealing dyes or paint.

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