

Thursfield's idea of the plan of attack at Trafalgar differs somewhat from those commonly accepted; but after reading what he has to say, the impression is deepened that at Trafalgar, as in many other fights of that day, the plan of battle as outlined before the fight was greatly modified to suit the exigencies of the hour. This work will possess a particular interest for American readers, because so large a portion is devoted to an appreciative survey of the achievements of John Paul Jones. Mr. Thursfield is the first English writer of prominence to remove the stigma which was attached to Jones's name by the calumnious writers of his day, and reveal him as the admirable character that he was. One of the most valuable chapters is that in which full justice is done to Admiral Duncan, the hero of Camperdown, whose exploits and general professional ability seem never to have received adequate recognition until late in his career.

SECOND APPENDIX TO THE SIXTH EDITION OF DANA'S SYSTEM OF MINERALOGY. By Edward S. Dana and William E. Ford. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1909. 8vo.; 114 pp. Price, \$1.50.

During the ten years of mineralogical investigation which this appendix covers, a large amount of material has been published. An evidence of this is to be found in the two hundred new names which are given in the classified list in the introduction. About sixty of these new names on account of the completeness of their descriptions seem to have a warrant for their acceptance as new species. The other names are either of imperfectly described minerals or variety names of well-recognized species. The descriptions of the new species included in this book are given concisely but completely. It was found, however, impracticable to follow the plan adopted in the System and the First Appendix of recalculating all the angles and crystal constants of the new species. This has been done in a few cases, but in the majority of the descriptions the figures of the authors have been accepted without verification. In the cases of some of the new species with complex crystals it has been impossible to give the complete lists of the forms identified upon them. The method followed has been to give the more common and prominent forms and to indicate the number of those not listed.

THE MAKING OF SPECIES. By Douglas Dewar, B.A., and Frank Finn, B.A. New York: John Lane Company, 1909. 8vo.; 400 pp. Price, \$2.50, postage extra.

The authors' aim in writing this book has been twofold. In the first place, they have attempted to place before the general public in simple language a true statement of the present position of biological science, and in the second place they have endeavored to furnish the scientific men of the day with food for reflection. As the British nation seems to be slowly but surely losing, through its conservatism, the commercial supremacy it had the good fortune to gain during the last century, so is it losing, through the unwillingness of any of her scientific men to keep abreast of the times, that scientific supremacy which she gained in the middle of the last century by the labors of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace. It is not among Englishmen but among Americans and Continentals that the world has to look for advanced scientific ideas. The authors fear that this book will come as a rude shock to many scientific men. What they attack is not Darwinism, but that which is erroneously called Neo-Darwinism. Neo-Darwinism is a pathological growth on Darwinism which, we fear, can be removed only by a surgical operation. The book is a beautifully printed one and will doubtless interest all naturalists.

THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF INDUSTRIAL DRAWING. By George Jepson. Oblong 12mo.; 28 pp.; 11 plates.

The aim of this little book is to present the subject of industrial drawing, so that a student after he has become familiar with its contents, will have mastered all the essential principles as applied to mechanical and architectural drawing. While the book presents all the principles of industrial drawing, it is not a graded course of lessons, although if desired an elementary or more advanced course can be compiled from its contents. The author is an instructor in descriptive geometry, machine drawing, and shop work in the Massachusetts Normal Art School, and was for many years master of the Evening Science School of the city of Boston. The book appears to be an excellent one.

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Chassagny's apparatus for compounding vibrations in the same plane (Fig. 2) comprises two wheels mounted on parallel shafts. The first wheel is turned by a crank and drives the other by means of a belt. The ends of a fine violin string are attached to pegs inserted in the faces of the wheels at unequal distances from their centers, and the middle part of the violin string, which is kept taut by a spring, passes round a pulley, which turns freely on a vertical rod, attached rigidly to the horizontal axle of the nave of a bicycle wheel mounted in bearings. When the crank is turned both wheels revolve, and the horizontal displacement of the pulley, at any instant, is equal to the algebraic sum of the horizontal displacements of the two pegs. The movement of the pulley is followed accurately by a writing point which is attached to the other end of the bicycle nave. This point presses against a strip of smoked paper wrapped round a drum, which is turned by the engagement of a toothed wheel on its shaft with an endless screw on the crankshaft. The amplitudes of the two vibrations whose combined effect is sought are varied by varying the distances of the pegs from the axes of the two wheels; the phases are varied by setting one wheel, at the start, more or less in advance of the other by means of pointers attached to the wheels and fixed graduated circles behind them; the periods are varied by employing wheels of diameters proportional to the periods desired. For example, two wheels of nearly equal diameters give a graphical record of the phenomena of "beats."

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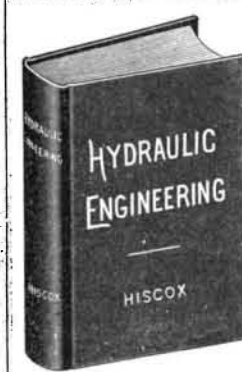
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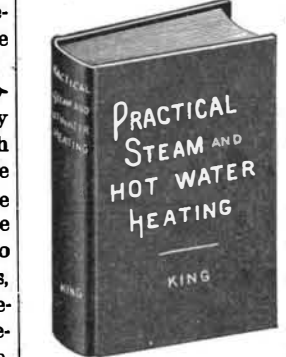
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During the Spanish-American war the modern submarine had not made its appearance. During the Russian-Japanese war both sides ordered boats, but the war was finished before these vessels became available. At present all the leading naval powers are acquiring submarines in large numbers, so that during the next war we may expect to see them figure largely in the various operations.

In the trip in a submarine above referred to the Editor was impressed with the smoothness and accuracy with which the submarine went through her submerged evolutions. The movements, quick response, etc., of the boat were such as to inspire complete confidence in her stability and general efficiency.

There can be no question that the submarine has at last "come into its own." Among the captains of the battleships and the line officers in general at Provincetown, there was noticeable a growing respect for these craft, due to the varied and accurate work which the flotilla had accomplished during the summer maneuvers. There has been a steady but slow growth in the speed of the submarine. Its control is now perfect, and its radius of action is being rapidly increased. Our largest boats have a radius of about one thousand miles; and two are under construction on the Pacific coast which will have a cruising radius of about three thousand miles. This means that the submarine is taking on full seagoing qualities. It must no longer be regarded as restricted to seacoast operation. The time is not far distant when an admiral searching for the enemy upon the high seas may include a submarine flotilla in his fleet. The profound significance of this fact upon strategy and tactics will be appreciated by every naval expert.

In his study of living beings, the physiologist has one guiding principle which plays but little part in the sciences of the chemist and physicist, namely, the principle of adaptation. Adaptation or purposiveness is the leading characteristic of every one of the functions to which we devote in our text-books the chapters dealing with assimilation, respiration, movement, growth, reproduction, and even death itself. Spencer has defined life as "the continuous adjustment of internal relations to external relations." Every phase of activity in a living being is a sequence of some antecedent change in its environment, and is so adapted to this change as to tend to its neutralization and so to the survival of the organism. This is what is meant by adaptation. It will be seen that not only does it involve the teleological conception that every normal activity must be for the good of the organism, but also that it must apply to all the relations of living beings. It must therefore be the guiding principle, not only in physiology, with its special pre-occupation with the internal relations of the parts of the organism, but also in the other branches of biology, which treat of the relations of the living animal to its environment and of the factors which determine its survival in the struggle for existence. Adaptation therefore must be the deciding factor in the origin of species and in the succession of the different forms of life upon this earth.

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