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**CRUDE RUBBER AND COMPOUNDING INGREDIENTS.** A Text-Book of Rubber Manufacture. By Henry C. Pearson, Editor of The India Rubber World. Second Edition. New York: The India Rubber Publishing Company, 1909.

This is the second edition of a book which appeared ten years ago and which may be regarded as a standard work on the subject in English. Since the appearance of the first edition the rubber industry has made rapid strides. New sources of rubber have been opened up and progress has been made in reclaiming waste rubber. In this revised edition the improvements in the art have all been conscientiously noted. The many new compounding ingredients, substitutes, and processes find a place in its pages. As it stands the book is a dictionary of compounding facts, and an encyclopedia of rubber factory practice, intended primarily for factory use.

**ATLAS UND LEHRBUCH DER HYGIENE.** Mit besonderer Berücksichtigung der Städte-Hygiene. Herausgegeben von Professor Dr. W. Prausnitz, Vorstand des hygienischen Instituts der Universität Graz. München: J. F. Lehmann's Verlag, 1909.

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**UNSERE HONIGBIENE.** Von Prof. K. Sajó. Stuttgart: Kosmos Gesellschaft der Naturfreunde. Price, 50 cents.

Prof. Sajó is a well-known contributor on natural and scientific topics, not only to Kosmos, but to other periodicals as well. In this little book he has given a very clear and comprehensive description of the bee as a biological species and also as a useful insect.

**THE ART OF THE NETHERLAND GALLERIES.** By David C. Preyer. Boston: L. C. Page & Co., 1908. 12mo.; 380 pp. Price, \$2.

This attractive volume is one of the series of the Art Galleries of Europe, of which seven have already been published prior to the present volume, which is the history of the Dutch School, illuminated and demonstrated by critical descriptions of great paintings in the many galleries. The wonderful and unique art of the Dutch School of the seventeenth century can nowhere be studied so completely as in the Netherland galleries. Any work which tends to bring these masterpieces into closer touch with the visitor should be warmly welcomed. The present volume is a painstaking appreciation of the art of the great masters of Holland. The book is exceedingly well written, and the illustrations reproduced in sepia tints are very much better than in the average work. The paper is particularly light in weight, and the book will be found a most enjoyable one for those who are fortunate enough to be able to visit the galleries in person, while to those who stay at home the book will prove of genuine interest. It is most attractively bound.

**THE RESUSCITATION OF PERSONS SHOCKED BY ELECTRICITY.** By Edw. Anthony Spitzka, M.D., Professor of General Anatomy, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, 1909. Reprint from the Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey.

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