

NEW BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

AANSTAD'S FINANCIER'S LEDGER. A new system of keeping accounts with members of beneficiary societies. By Ole O. Aanstad, Eau Claire, Wis.

This is a copyrighted book, sold at \$5, \$6, or \$7, ruled for a specially devised form of keeping assessments, dues, etc., of benevolent associations, lodges, etc. The author has had long experience with such societies as financier and bookkeeper, and the system he has perfected is designed to insure entire accuracy, be very convenient, and easily learned from the instructions and practical illustrations given in its first pages.

GESCHICHTE DER EXPLOSIVSTOFFE. Von S. J. von Romocki. I. Geschichte der Sprengstoffchemie, der Sprengtechnik und des Torpedowesens bis zum Beginn der neuesten Zeit. Berlin: Robert Oppenheim (Gustav Schmidt), 1895. Pp. 395. 8vo, illustrated. Price 12 marks.

A very curious and interesting work on the history of explosives and the torpedo. The book has a number of reproductions of rare old engravings and contains copious annotations and references to classical and medieval writers. It is the first volume of a series which will take the work up to the present time.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION ON VIVISECTION AND DISSECTION IN SCHOOLS. Chicago, 1895. Pp. 64. 16mo, pamphlet.

This booklet contains some startling facts regarding vivisection in schools. The statement that any such practice really existed met at first with general incredulity. Even if vivisection were rarely done, it seems almost improbable that children of public school age should be required to become familiar with the process of mutilation and the phenomena of death. The value of vivisection in medical schools must be admitted, but its use in ordinary schools cannot be condemned too strongly. The pamphlet contains the opinions of such well known people as D. G. Brinton, W. D. Howells, Dr. Morgan Dix, Cardinal Gibbons, W. W. Story and others.

THE POCKET GOPHERS OF THE UNITED STATES. By Vernon Bailey. Washington: Bulletin No. 5 United States Department of Agriculture, Division of Ornithology and Mammology, 1895. Pp. 47. 8vo, pamphlet, plate, map.

LA THERAPEUTIQUE DES TISSUS. Compendium des medications par les Extraits d'Organes animaux. By Dr. M. Bra. Paris: J. Rothschild, 1895. Pp. 624. 8vo, 72 engravings.

A work on medication by means of animal organic extracts according to the method of the late Dr. Brown-Sequard.

L'INDUSTRIE CHIMIQUE. By A. Haller. Paris: J. B. Baillière et Fils, 1895. Pp. 346. 16mo.

This work is a reprint of Mr. Haller's report on the chemical and pharmaceutical products exhibited at the Columbian Exposition of 1893. It contains many out of the way facts about the manufacture and use of the rarer chemicals, essential oils, and other pharmaceutical products. The work is freely illustrated with graphic symbols.

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS. Designs and suggestions for church building committees, architects and builders. By F. E. Kidder, Ph.D., architect. New York: William T. Comstock, 1895. Oblong octavo, cloth. Pp. 55, 52 illustrations. Price \$1.50.

In this work the author has chosen a subject that has not been written upon for a number of years, and we believe this is the only book of its kind treating on modern church building. We believe the book will be found very useful to architects. Church building committees will find the floor plans of great assistance in deciding upon the best arrangement for their special needs. Nineteen designs, illustrated by forty-six drawings and half tones and embracing almost every approved arrangement for modern churches, are given, and the larger proportion of the designs have been executed from the author's plans. Besides these designs the author has given much practical information on the construction and roofing of churches, planning and seating, windows, bells, etc., and several pages on acoustics, heating, and ventilation.

SCREW PROPELLERS AND MARINE PROPULSION. By I. McKim Chase, M.E. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1895. Pp. 223, xxxi. 8vo, plates, tables. Cloth. Price \$3.

The author commenced the preparation of this treatise with a view to supply a want that he had found existing among workmen who are engaged in building propelling screws. His purpose was to place before them a comprehensive and practical work that should elucidate the principles of screw propellers, the manner of their generation and their peculiarities, and explain the various methods employed in their construction. The section devoted to marine propulsion is also valuable.

THE WATCH ADJUSTER'S MANUAL. Being a practical guide for the watch and chronometer adjuster in making, springing, timing, and adjusting for isochronism, positions and temperatures. By Charles Edgar Fritts. New York: Charles E. Fritts, 307 West Twelfth Street, 1894. Pp. 364. 56 illustrations. 8vo. Cloth. Price \$3.50.

This valuable book is written by an horological expert who has written a great deal for the watch trade journals under the nom de plume of "Excelsior." The germ of the present work was a book published in 1876 under

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COLOR IN THE KINDERGARTEN. By Milton Bradley. Springfield, Mass.: The Milton Bradley Company. Pp. 57. 12mo, illustrated. Price 25 cents.

COLOR IN THE SCHOOL ROOM. A manual for teachers. By Milton Bradley. Springfield, Mass.: The Milton Bradley Company. Pp. 107. 12mo, samples of colored papers bound in. Price \$1.

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