

Nor does Mr. Moore limit this kinship to the physical, but he declares it to be an ethical one as well. The thesis of the book is undoubtedly contra to many existing theories, and will prove interesting to readers for this reason, as well as for the undoubted originality shown in many phases of the discussion, though the author's opinion of his fellowman is rather more hopeful for the future than optimistic concerning the present.

SLICES FROM A LONG LOAF. By H. C. Stiefel, Ph.D. Pittsburg: Bissell Block Publishing Company. 8vo.; pp. 221.

It is seldom that a book which proposes, even in a measure, to discuss scientific, industrial, or manufacturing subjects can be as entertaining as this one by Dr. Stiefel. It is the account of a voyage of five Pittsburg tourists down the beautiful Allegheny River from Oil City to Pittsburg, and it tells many things that happened during the expedition, humorous and otherwise, and gives in facts and figures reasons for Pittsburg's greatness. Of the illustrations, which are from photographs and drawings, many are exceedingly humorous, while others illustrate numerous phases of the iron, coal, and oil industries. The reader will find much truth and some fiction in the book which, beginning with the author's humorous preface to the *finis* on the last page, is thoroughly entertaining.

MODERN MATERIA MEDICA. New York: The Druggists Circular, 1906. 12mo.; pp. 306. Price, \$1.50.

This book is intended to supply the evident need of some work of ready information concerning the many new additions to the materia medica. It embraces all the newer remedies introduced up to the beginning of the present year, including the nutritives which are replacing a great many stimulating medicines in the treatment of certain maladies and in convalescence. The information given is complete, concise, and accurate, and the user will probably find it unbiased. It is expected that this work will take a place next to the Pharmacopoeia and the National Formulary, and will fill a long existing want in the library of the practical and up-to-date pharmacist.

ENIGMAS OF PSYCHICAL RESEARCH. By James H. Hyslop, Ph.D., LL.D. Boston: Herbert B. Turner & Co., 1906. 12mo. Price, \$1.50.

In this volume Prof. Hyslop, an undoubted authority on the subject, discusses that phase of psychical research which may be classified as super-normal. Certain chapters are devoted to the history of psychical phenomena, to crystal gazing, telepathy, mediumistic phenomena, apparitions, and other manifestations of like nature. The author interestingly illustrates each subject by many examples taken from cases carefully investigated by that responsible and eminent group of scientists composing the Council of the Society for Psychical Research. The book will be of interest to those who wish to keep themselves well informed in this fascinating if little understood subject, and many readers will doubtless appreciate the value of scientific knowledge of this character, which assures us of a future life, if only as a plea for social morality. Dr. Hyslop's discussion is earnest and judicious, and is undoubtedly free from dogmatism and propagandism.

ELEMENTARY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN THEORY AND PRACTICE. By J. H. Alexander, M.B., A.I.E.E. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company, 1906. 12mo.; pp. 208. Price, \$2.

This eminently practical little volume is based on a series of lectures delivered by the author before a class composed chiefly of young artisans, and it is intended rather to present fundamental principles and practical applications of the same than to enter into theoretical and involved discussion. The lectures were illustrated by means of models, apparatus, lantern slides, and blackboard diagrams, etc., and these were, of course, unavailable for the purpose of the book. The illustrations, which were carefully gotten up to take the place of these, are clear and answer the purpose excellently. All complicated mathematical formulae, which might tend to confuse beginners or those not fully familiar with mathematics, have been omitted, but many of the chapters include exercises worked out at full length, which will undoubtedly be of assistance to the student in illustrating the character of the problems to be met in practice.

NORDAMERIKANISCHE EISENBAHNEN. By W. Hoff and F. Schwabach. Berlin: Verlag von Julius Springer, 1906. 8vo.; pp. 377. Price, \$2.50.

Unfortunately for American readers, this book, which appears to be one of the best of foreign observations regarding American railroads that has recently been published, is printed in German, and it is to be hoped that its translation will not be long delayed. The authors have treated their subject at considerable length, with clearness, with no mistaken ideas of fact, and with fairness. The subject of American railroads, always a difficult one not alone from its vastness, but from the variety of interests involved, has been ever an interesting one for European investigators, and it was in the interests of the German railroad world and under the auspices of the Prussian Ministry of Public Works that this extensive tour of investigation was under-

taken. The authors, on the whole, appear to have been favorably impressed with many of the obtaining transportation conditions, though by no means blinded to the faults and disadvantages with which many Americans are familiar. They wisely make allowance for differences arising from capitalization, rail and express service, freight rates, express companies, etc., and draw the general conclusion that the Prussian rates, both passenger and freight, are somewhat lower than those in this country. It must be agreed that this is far and away the most thorough comparison that has ever been made between the railway in the United States and a foreign railway system—that of Prussia. To the German reader the chief value of the report probably lies in the excellent objective description of railway organization and management in this country. To the American reader the value lies in the comparisons the report contains.

THE BOOK OF BOATS. A Brief Story of Some of the Queer Prototypes of the Modern Launch. By Raymond Cavanaugh. St. Paul, Minn.; Randall Printing Company, 1906. 16mo.; pp. 123.

The author of this interesting booklet discusses water navigation by means of small craft from its earliest inception, as exemplified by the crude raft of prehistoric man, to the present day, represented by our latest types of high-speed motor craft. The evolution of the boat with the ethnological development of man is described and illustrated in its most interesting phases. The illustrations show many remarkable and curious vessels designed and constructed by savage builders the world over, and are the result of exhaustive investigations in the literature of the subject as well as in the various museums. The last chapter discusses modern types of pleasure craft, and illustrates several types of motor boats.

THE ART OF WRITING AND SPEAKING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. Word Study, Grammar, Composition, and Rhetoric. By Sherwin Cody. New York: The Old Greek Press, 1906. 32mo. Price, \$3.

As the title of this work indicates, the author has chosen a rather ambitious subject; for if there is a subject of really universal interest and utility, it is the art of writing and speaking one's own language effectively. Not only is it the basis of culture, but it undoubtedly is the basis of business as well, and in no department of human endeavor is the value of effective English to be more highly rated. These four little books, "Word Study," "Grammar," "Composition," and "Rhetoric," are written particularly with the adaptation of good English to business in view, notwithstanding that they would be of unquestionable value to the student of English in general. The subject is treated clearly and without waste of space, and the facts are presented to the reader in an excellent manner.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. By Gustav Eichhorn, Ph.D. Philadelphia, Pa.: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1906. 8vo.; pp. 110; 79 illustrations.

Notwithstanding the many excellent contributions to the literature of wireless telegraphy that are at present before the public, there are many phases of the theoretical as well as the practical side of this interesting subject which are necessarily somewhat obscure. The author of this book has wisely not attempted to make it a compilation of the many so-called "systems" of wireless telegraphy, but has devoted his efforts to a simple and comprehensive description of the fundamental principles and working methods of modern telegraphy by means of electric waves. Consequently the work will be found of value not only by the student, but by the practical expert as well. For the latter, particularly, is the wide experience of the author valuable. The book is excellently illustrated with many engravings and diagrams, and probably brings the literature of the subject as nearly up to date as is consistent with its rapid growth.

NATIVE ECONOMIC PLANTS OF MONTANA. By J. W. Blankinship. Bozeman, Montana: Montana Agricultural College Experiment Station, 1905. 8vo.; pp. 36.

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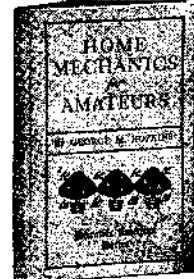
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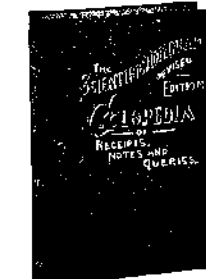
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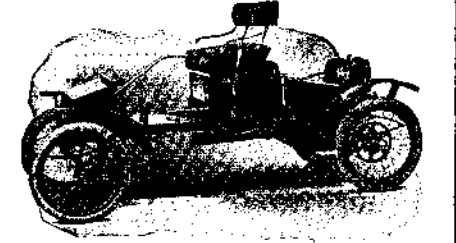
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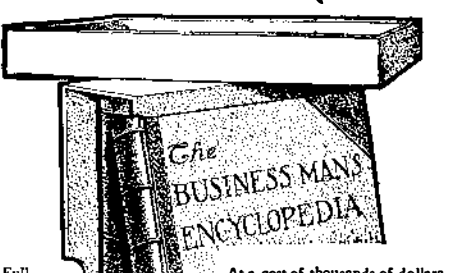
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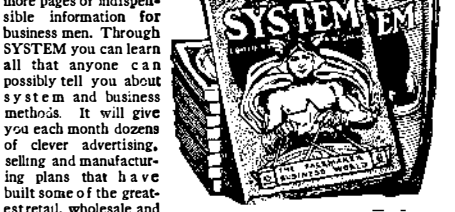
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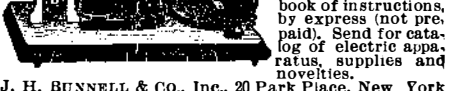


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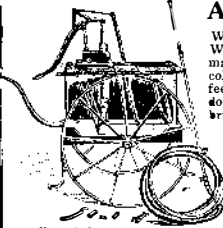
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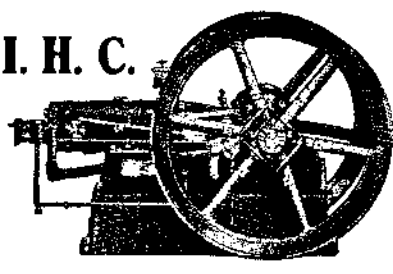
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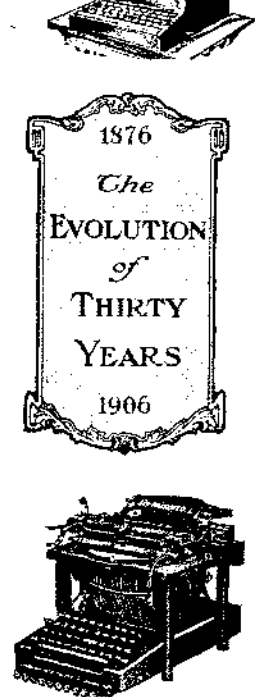
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