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**LIGHT WAVES AND THEIR USES.** By A. A. Michelson, Professor of Physics at the University of Chicago. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1907. Pp. 166; octavo. Price, \$1.63.

Prof. Michelson, whose brilliant work in optics earned for him one of the Nobel prizes, has gathered in this volume eight lectures on light, delivered in 1899 at the Lowell Institute. Although thoroughly scientific in the discussion of the subjects of "Wave Motion and Interference," "Comparison of the Efficiency of the Microscope Telescope and Interferometer," "Application of Interference Methods to Measurements of Distances and Angles," "Application of Interference Methods to Spectroscopy," "Light Waves as Standards of Length," "Analysis of the Action of Magnetism on Light Waves," "Application of Interference Methods to Astronomy," the lectures are primarily directed to those who wish to have the phenomena of light explained to them clearly and accurately and yet without the aid of too much mathematics. In attaining that object, Prof. Michelson has succeeded admirably. The subject of the "Velocity of Light" might well have been expanded into an entire lecture; for the author is more competent to discuss it than any other American physicist, inasmuch as he recently made a new determination of light velocity by an improved method of his own.

**MAGIC SQUARES AND CUBES.** By W. S. Andrews. With Chapters by Paul Carus, L. S. Frierson, C. A. Browne, Jr., and an Introduction by Paul Carus. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Company. London Agents: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd. 1908. 8vo.; cloth; 199 pages. Price, \$1 net.

The curious and manifold characteristics of magic and cube squares receive a very thorough discussion in this work. What may be called the symmetry of mathematics is illustrated by the most peculiar and intricate combinations, which leave out of view but few examples of interest in the past field of magic numbers and include some original methods of construction contributed by the author himself. The building of a square in which all the numbers add the same amount in each horizontal, vertical or corner diagonal column, and which problem may be expanded into cubes, is plotted in scores of arrangements running from 9 to 729 cells or places, and wherein each case permits of beautiful and extensive variations, exhaustively explained in a way that should make the subject popular. About one-half of the volume contains chapters on the Benjamin Franklin squares and reflections on magic squares, by Paul Carus; the mathematical study of magic squares by L. S. Frierson; and magic squares and Pythagorean numbers by C. A. Browne, Jr.

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Coats, vests, trousers, overcoats, collars and cuffs, gloves, and hats, Brokaw Bros. 70,194

Cocktails, G. Steigler & Co. 70,212

Cotton piece goods, J. H. Meyer. 70,189

Cotton piece goods, Murphy Grant & Co. 70,190

Electrical supplies, certain, Ohio Brass Co. 70,209

Engines, steam, gas, and explosion, Societe Industrielle et commerciale de la Moto-Reve. 70,230

Foods, certain, Colorado Canning Co. 70,204

Gasoline, Cincinnati Oil Works Co. 70,216

Hair from hides, compound for removing, L. Cheeseman. 70,218

Hair tonic, liquid, W. Southworth. 70,232

Ham, bacon, and lard, T. L. Boyd. 70,203

Hay and straw, baled, E. Steen & Brother. 70,181

Hoes, rakes, agricultural forks, and potato hooks, Union Fork & Hoe Co. 70,235

Hosiery, R. H. Macy & Co. 70,185

Insecticides for destroying bedbugs, W. Peterman. 70,243

Insulators, electric, Albert & J. M. Anderson Manufacturing Co. 7