Useful Plants

About two years ago Mr. van Dersal produced a book on shrubs. Highly acclaimed both for its style and its illustrations, it gave to gardeners more than a local view. It attempted to cover the country and within its scope did an amazingly good job. This reviewer is similarly impressed with this new book. In presenting his own version of economic botany to classes, something of the same sequences of topics has been used for many years by the reviewer of this book, namely, the background of the original patterns of vegetational distribution as the setting for agricultural practices. Superb photographs are lavishly employed. The general reader cannot afford to miss this book.—A. E. Waller.