
Dairy Microbiology. *Edwin M. Foster, F. Eugene Nelson, Marvin L. Speck, Raymond N. Doetsch, and Joseph C. Olson, Jr.* Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N. J. 1957. 492 pp. \$7.50.

The several authors are to be congratulated for this much-needed, modern text in which the competency of the authors is reflected in the product. By intent the text is quite complete and practical; in the latter it conforms with the status of dairy microbiology as an intensely practical subdivision of microbiology. The first third of the text deals generally with microorganisms associated with dairy products and their properties; the remainder considers in detail microbiology (one might say technology) of various dairy products from acidophilus milk to Yogurt, including a pertinent chapter on waste disposal and utilization of by-products of the dairy plant. The book is well-fortified but not loaded with illustrations and references. This work can provide real meat for dairy bacteriology courses requiring sound preparation in general bacteriology.

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Here is Haiti. *Ruth Danenhower Wilson.* Philosophical Library, New York. 1957. 204 pp. \$3.50.

The recent social turmoil at Haiti becomes more comprehensible with the background supplied by this white American sociologist. Miss Wilson's sojourn in Haiti followed her study of Negroes in the armed forces of the United States, and her stay there enabled her to see social problems in a population in which there are almost no pure white people. She was able, fortunately, to visit much of the area occupied by the Republic, and her critical comments about the problems of matching economic well-being with hopeless over population, are pertinent indeed.

The discussion of island social customs, of Voodoo, Virgins, Wives and Placées (unwed wives), of the results of 19 years of occupation by the U. S. Marines (in bitterness, disorganization, fear of schools, and in half-breed bastards), and of the prospects of improved economy as partial result of U. S. aid in constructing dams and improving land-use practices, brings startling realization that our national pride need not cover all aspects of our relations with other nations.

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