
For the Plant Physiology Laboratory

This book is similar to the first half of the same authors' *Methods in Plant Physiology*. The material of the earlier book has been slightly condensed and in part revised, in order to adapt it to the laboratory part of elementary or intermediate courses in plant physiology. The 167 experiments described are mostly well selected and well planned. The book will be useful both as a laboratory text and as a reference for teachers of plant physiology, general botany and biology.—*B. S. Meyer*.

Experiments in Plant Physiology, by W. E. Loomis and C. A. Shull. 213 pp. New York, The McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1939.

Lifebelts

Readers of Eric Temple Bell's previous books will need no introduction to his pungent stimulating style. In typical Bell manner, he examines in this book the various devices in which man has from time to time lodged his faith. Acting as "neither judge nor jury," but merely as a guide," Dr. Bell with penetrating insight takes up in turn erstwhile life-belts, including, among others, religion, government, righteousness and justice (twin life-belts of the middle ages), internationalism, and science. Needless to say, the discussion is clear, witty and altogether intriguing.

L. H. S.

Man and His Lifebelts, by Eric T. Bell. viii+340 pp. Baltimore, The Williams and Wilkins Co., 1938. \$3.00.

Medicine in Many Languages

This book should be the answer to the prayers of many physicians, public health officers and nurses. It contains a carefully selected list of medical words in English, followed by their translations into German, French, Italian and Spanish. The vocabulary is extensive, and appears to be fairly complete from the medical and social workers' standpoint. Following the vocabulary there is presented a series of medical phrases, with translations, in the form of questions, requests and commands which will be found useful in bedside technic and in army medical work.—*L. H. S.*

Medical Vocabulary: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, by Joseph S. F. Marie. ix+358 pp. Philadelphia, P. Blakiston's Son and Co., 1939.