
Block Diagrams. *A. K. Lobeck.* Emerson-Trussell Book Company, Amherst, Massachusetts. Second Edition, 1958. xii+212 pp. \$6.00.

This excellent and valuable book of instructions for drawing of landscapes, geologic structures, geologic block diagrams, and crystals has been slightly revised and reissued after 34 years. For many of these years it has been out of print. The original text intentionally has not been altered. Some new illustrative material has been inserted on what were blank spaces at the ends of chapters in the first edition; thus the pagination has not been altered, nor has the index. Pages 207 through 212, describing and illustrating the techniques of field sketching and sketching from photographs, have been added at the end of the book. This treatment of sketching is the only change of any consequence from the first edition, and is supplementary to material that was already in the body of the text. Nevertheless, the publishers are to be thanked for making this helpful book available to a new and larger generation of earth scientists.

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Mysteries of Science, A Study of the Limitations of the Scientific Method. *John Rowland* Philosophical Library, Inc., New York, 1957. \$6.00.

The author attempts to indicate certain questions (mysteries) which are supposedly inadequately answered by science. Examples are chosen among physics, biology, psychology and sociology, principally, but also certain "unclassifiable" subjects which include "flying saucers" and dowsing (water witching). Although references to works of questionable veracity are cited on "flying saucers," no discussions on dowsing are mentioned—some of which do an excellent job of debunking.

Patience Worth and Sally Beauchamp are given considerable space in the chapter on psychology. Unfortunately no comparison is sought between these chronologically remote cases and the recent nonsense involved in *The Search for Bridey Murphy*.

Most scientists probably will agree that knowledge is imperfect and incomplete on any subject, and many are mindful of the value of metaphysical concepts, nevertheless, they will receive little inspiration from this book. The author makes merely a desultory effort to distinguish between his "facts" and what is probably fiction.

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