

would not be so apt to fall into error as when (as in the case considered) an entirely incorrect theory is embedded, labelless, in a mass of facts.

The book is very clearly written and the style is good. The only misprints in the book appear to be those on pages 80 and 81, where the velocity of light is twice given as 185 miles per second.

Magnetism and Electricity. By ARTHUR WILLIAM POYSER, M. A., Headmaster of Wisbech Grammar School. London and New York, Longmans, Green & Co.

THIS book is arranged in the same way as Silvanus P. Thompson's text-book, and is intended for the same purpose. In some ways it is more complete than the latter, and the type is larger and clearer. The illustrations, especially, are well drawn, and it is with delight that one realizes the absence of most of the old stereotypes which have done duty in so many scores of text-books. This is explained in the preface, where we learn that out of the 317 engravings in the book, more than 200 are from original drawings. At intervals throughout the book are given the directions for some 200 experiments, evidently carefully selected, and there are also twenty four sets of exercises given, with the answers to the more difficult examples in them. The book seems one of the best suited for teaching purposes that has appeared and is brought quite up to date. It needs amplifying, however, in those parts which relate to magnetic circuits and permeability.

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Catalogue of American Localities of Minerals. By EDWARD S. DANA. From the 6th Edition of Dana's Mineralogy. New York, J. Wiley & Sons, 1893. 51 p. 8°.

THIS catalogue will serve a useful purpose in enabling students of mineralogy to readily ascertain just where in any State or Territory the best localities for minerals are. The information is classified under States, beginning with Maine and ending with Alaska, and followed by the Canadian provinces. A few general

remarks are made under each State, Territory or Province, and then follow the counties and the towns where the mineral localities are. It would have been made more valuable by the addition of an index to the minerals mentioned, since then it would have been possible to ascertain in a few moments where any particular species occurs.

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