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The book is written in a pleasing style and is well arranged. It does not intend to give detailed knowledge of business problems. Its aim is to aid the teacher in awakening proper attitudes in the minds of the students. Teachers will find it helpful in this respect.

First-Year Latin.—A recent text¹ from Syracuse University is particularly commendable for its development of the bearings of Latin upon our English speech. At each step the beginner is led to see the relation to English grammar and syntax, while each word in the lesson vocabularies is directly associated with some common English derivative thereof.

Also deserving of mention are the selections provided for translation. These display an unusual variety and interest. Epigrams, humorous narrative, and brief accounts of Roman customs, heroes, or important historical incidents avoid the monotony of exercises based entirely on Caesar or Ovid. Numerous illustrations, several of which are in color, add to the general attractiveness of the book.

Applied chemistry.—It is generally agreed that the essential principles of chemistry and the application of these principles to ordinary conditions of living should be made familiar to every boy and girl during school life. Aiming primarily at the provision of such instruction for the 90 per cent of high-school pupils who do not go to college, Dean Vivian presents a new text² which emphasizes the applications of chemistry to household economics, soil fertility, and plant and animal production.

The book is divided into three parts; the first part, on "Inorganic Chemistry," treats of the essential facts of chemical composition and reaction, bringing the pupil to an acquaintance with these facts through an analysis of elements which are commonly known or of some of their familiar compounds. That is, the procedure is always from the known to the related unknown. Part II deals with the applications of chemistry and with facts and theories which are necessary to an intelligent understanding of the phenomena of daily life. The several chapters relate to such topics as "Fats," "Oils and Soaps," "Digestion," "Nutrition," "Feeding Farm Animals," "Milk and Its Products," "Food Preservation," "Antiseptics and Disinfectants." Part III is devoted to the study of "Soils and Fertilizers," the twelve chapters dealing with various phases of the problem of tilling and preserving soil. A passage from this section is indicative of the practical character of treatment of topics in Parts II and III.

How to recognize a sour soil.—The character of the vegetation gives some indication as to whether or not the soil is acid. Where such plants as common sorrel, horsetail,

¹ P. O. PLACE, *Beginning Latin: An Introduction by Way of English*. New York: American Book Co., 1919. Pp. xviii+398. \$1.36.

² ALFRED VIVIAN, *Everyday Chemistry*. New York: American Book Co., 1920. Pp. 560. \$1.64.