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## BOOKS

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### AN ACADEMIC VIEW OF AMERICAN POLITICS.

**Political Problems of American Development.** By Albert Shaw. Published by the Columbia University Press, New York. 1907. Price, \$1.50 net.

This series of nine lectures was delivered at Columbia University. In a tone of cheerful generalities, historically put and academically worded, there are discussed the chief political problems of our nation.

The author has faith in government regulation rather than government ownership of railroads; regards the acquisition of the Philippines as a wholesome lesson of which we are wisely making the most; hopes for coalition with Canada; and discusses the tariff in learned and on the whole non-committal fashion. While hopefully trusting to our great educational and assimilative powers to settle the bulk of the immigration question, he justifies Asiatic exclusion as a far-sighted policy. The Negro problem he advises leaving largely to the South to solve. Briefly, Dr. Shaw thinks that all things in our democracy are working together for the ultimate best. Unless too closely scrutinized, the volume is soothing. When, however, the author calmly remarks about the transportation question, that "As for the trusts and corporations they have made complete surrender as respects unfair railroad rates," the reader of even so eminent an authority as Dr. Shaw is momentarily startled into skepticism.

ANGELINE LOESCH.

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What is a nation profited which reclaims deserts by irrigation and creates them by wholesale destruction of forests?—Puck.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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—Value, Price and Profit. By Karl Marx. Published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. 1908.

—A Living Wage. Its Ethical and Economic Aspects. By John A. Ryan. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York. 1906. Price, \$1.00 net.

—Adolph Quetelet as Statistician. By Frank H. Hankins. Studies in History, Economics and Public Law. Volume XXXI, No. 4. Published by Columbia University, New York, 1908.

—Changes in the Theory and Tactics of the (German) Social Democracy. By Paul Kampffmeyer. Translated by Winfield R. Gaylord. Published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. 1908.

—Consanguineous Marriages in the American Population. By George B. Louis Arner. Studies in History, Economics and Public Law. Volume XXXI, No. 3. Published by Columbia University, New York, 1908.

—Publications of the American Sociological Society. Papers and Proceedings of the Second Annual Meeting, December 28-31, 1907. Volume II, Social Conflicts. Published at the University of Chicago Press, Chicago. 1908.

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## PERIODICALS

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The American Magazine (New York) for July distinguishes itself not only with a pointed short story (nominally fiction) by Lincoln Steffens, and with a superbly democratic paper on the Negro in Ray Stannard Baker's series, but also with the remarkable juxtaposition of two unusually fine poems, each undesignedly complementary to the other. "The Hypocrites," by Harry H. Kemp, tells in rattling rhythm of the hypocrites that "sit forever bit by serpents as fierce as fire, hypocrite crouched by hypocrite, and the demons never tire at killing them over and over again, just as on earth they did to men." "The Failure," by C. E. Bell, pictures the

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