

COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE BUTTERFLIES OF JAPAN. By Mitsuo Yokoyama (revised by Teiso Esaki). [In Japanese.] 136 pp., 63 colored plates, several text figures. Published by Hoikusha, Osaka, Japan, 1955. (Obtainable from Yosemite Book Co., 3066 Georgia St., Oakland 2, California; price \$6.00 postpaid).

The excellence of the plates alone makes this book well worth its price. These show and the text discusses (in Japanese) the great majority of the butterflies of Japan. It is so arranged that the text discussion, with very few exceptions, falls directly opposite the illustration of the species. These latter are excellently reproduced color photographs, showing both upper and under surfaces, nearly always of both sexes. For the smaller species, the *Lycænida* and the *Hesperiidæ*, the figures are enlarged.

Species names are given in latinized form as well as in Japanese and these are separately indexed. Nomenclature is authoritative and up-to-date.

Collectors interested in Japanese butterflies, even though they do not read the language, will find in this book a very usable aid to identification; those who are not directly concerned with the butterflies of these islands will still find in the book fascinating portraits of near relatives of many species they do collect.

HARRY K. CLENCH, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh 13, Penna., U. S. A.

COLORED ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE INSECTS OF JAPAN. (Orthoptera, Odonata, Hemiptera, Neuroptera, Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, Diptera). [In Japanese.] By Kichizo Takeuchi (with foreword by Teiso Esaki). 190 pp., 68 colored plates. Published by Hoikusha, Osaka, Japan, 1955. (Obtainable from Yosemite Book Co., 3066 Georgia St., Oakland 2, California; price \$6.25, postpaid).

This is a companion volume to the preceding and has the same high quality of colored plates, nearly a third of which are devoted to moths. These depict a broad and representative selection of the Japanese Heterocera, including two full plates (some 60 species) of micros, about 25 species of pyraloids, 54 geometrids, 9 notodontids, 41 noctuids, 8 saturniids, 8 sphingids, and from 1 to 6 or more each of many smaller families (ægeriids, limacodids, epicopeids, cymatophorids, drepanids, lasiocampids, and so on).

Text discussion of each species is much briefer than in the preceding volume, but here also latinized names are given, and separately indexed, as well as the Japanese names. In both books there are much fewer typographical errors in these names than one usually finds (and can entirely understand!) in books in oriental languages.

HARRY K. CLENCH, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh 13, Penna., U. S. A.

GUIA DE NATURALISTA SUDAMERICANOS. By Elena Martinez Fontes & Juan José Parodís. Buenos Aires 1949, publ. by the authors. 138 pp. (Obtainable for \$1.00 postpaid from Sta. Elena Martinez Fontes, Obligado 1555, Buenos Aires 26, Argentina.)

This is a list of names, addresses and specialties of amateur and professional people in the natural sciences in South and Central America, Mexico and the West Indies. It is by far the most complete such list available and includes more than 1800 entries, among which are 278 entomologists.

Although it is now rather old, it is still very useful and the greatly reduced price should make it a bargain for collectors and dealers interested in contacts in Latin America.

HARRY K. CLENCH, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh 13, Penna., U. S. A.