

needed most of all is an open mind by both proponents and opponents. Soal and Bateman try to be dispassionate but their writing is strongly defensive. It was, I believe, H. A. Kramers who pointed out that "no result resembles a new effect so much as a mistake". In which category is ESP?

Theoretical Physics. Mechanics. By F. Woodbridge Constant. 281 pp. Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., Inc., Cambridge, Mass., 1954. \$6.50. *Reviewed by Arthur Beiser, New York University.*

There is no shortage of good texts on mechanics, but few of them seem as well designed for a senior graduate course as Constant's new book. An orthodox arrangement of the subject matter is followed, beginning with vector analysis and progressing through particle motion, rigid bodies, and advanced dynamics. Somewhat unusual is the presence of considerable material on elastic and viscous media and on heat flow. Differential equations (ordinary and partial), potential theory, and Fourier analysis come in for brief but clear treatments. The entire book, in fact, is written in a compact, lucid style that is well adapted to its subject. Physically *Theoretical Physics—Mechanics* is up to the usual high standard of Addison-Wesley. One looks forward with anticipation to the other volumes of this series.

Mathematical Tables

Three new sets of mathematical tables have been published by the National Bureau of Standards as Numbers 34, 37, and 41 in its Applied Mathematics Series. Number 34, *Table of the Gamma Function for Complex Arguments* (105 pp., \$2.00), gives the real and imaginary parts of $\log_e \Gamma(z)$ for $z = x + iy$, $x = 0(.1)10$, $y = 0(.1)10$ each to 12 decimals. Auxiliary tables of $\sin \pi x$, $\cos \pi x$, $\sinh \pi x$, and $\cosh \pi x$ are also provided to facilitate extending the scope of the gamma function table to other quadrants. Number 37, *Tables of Functions and of Zeros of Functions* (211 pp., \$2.25), is a collection of several previously issued short tables. Tables of ten special functions, including the integrals of the Bessel function J_0 and Y_0 , exponential integrals, Struve functions, $x^n/n!$, and radix tables for finding logarithms to 25 places are given as well as eight tables of zeros of various functions such as the Legendre and Laguerre polynomials and several Bessel functions. Number 41, *Tables of the Error Function and its Derivative* (302 pp., \$3.25), is a reissue of tables originally prepared by the Mathematics Tables Project of the Federal Works Agency of WPA. A companion volume consisting of tables of normal probability functions has already been issued as Number 23 of the Applied Mathematics Series. The above volumes may be ordered from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

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THE ATOM (Fourth Revised Edition). By Sir George Thomson. 204 pp. Oxford University Press, New York, 1955. \$1.00.

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