

The illustrations are well chosen, and if they were located precisely and integrated with the text, they, too, would fit into their places in geographic knowledge.

Most of the route is known in geographic literature, but some parts (as for instance northwestern Colombia and western Patagonia) are not well known, and specific observations make new contributions to regional understanding.

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*The Monroe Doctrine and World Peace.* By EVARTS SEELYE SCUDDER. (London: Thomas Nelson and Sons, Ltd., 1939. Pp. vii, 176. 2/6.)

This little book is written almost entirely from secondary materials. Though not without error, it contains a convenient summary of the development of the Monroe Doctrine, but it is difficult to see just precisely what is meant by its title. If I understand that title correctly, the author seems to think that there is a direct connection between the Monroe Doctrine and isolationism. There is no doubt that the two have often been connected, but it is equally true that it is possible to believe in the Monroe Doctrine and yet wish to see a wider sphere of diplomatic activity for the United States than that marked out in the American hemisphere. The Doctrine appears to me to have set up a claim of special interest for the United States in the countries of the New World, but it has not prevented the growth of a broader feeling that we cannot dissociate ourselves from the problems of Europe and Asia.

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Translations into Spanish, Portuguese, and French of Selected Publications of the United States Government. Prepared by the Central Translating Office, Department of State. (Washington: United States Government Printing Office, 1941—. Number of pages varies. Paper. Free, but intended primarily for distribution outside the United States.)

These translations are prepared chiefly for distribution in the other American republics and cover a range of subjects of special interest to readers in those countries. The great demand for information on the subject of health has led to the publication in Spanish and Portuguese of translations of *Communicable Diseases*, a bulletin prepared by the United States Public Health Service. Three pamphlets of the Children's Bureau which have proved immensely popular in this country have also been translated into Spanish and Portuguese.