

to anthropological concerns. Discussion is generally impartial but occasionally one-sided due to limited research, an understandable fault in a book of this scope.

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Historia de los abipones. Vol. III. By MARTIN DOBRITZHOFER, S.J. Translated by CLARA VEDOYA DE GUILLÉN. Resistencia, Argentina, 1970. Universidad Nacional del Nordeste. Table. Indices. Pp. 403. Paper.

This is the third and final volume of the Spanish translation of Martin Dobritzhofers' Latin original, first published in Vienna in 1784. The English translation was published by J. Murray of London in 1822 under the title *An Account of the Abipones, an Equestrian People of Paraguay*, recently reprinted by Johnson Reprint Company (New York; 1970).

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Spanish Military Weapons in Colonial America, 1700-1821. By SYDNEY BRINCKERHOFF and PIERCE A. CHAMBERLAIN. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1972. Table. Illustrations. Glossary. Bibliography. Index. Pp. 159. Cloth. \$14.95.

There is, both within and without the historical profession, a growing number of *aficionados* devoted to the study of arms and armament of the past—a curious phenomenon in a nation supposedly hellbent on peace. This volume represents an effort to compile a complete catalog, pictorial and verbal, of the military tools of the Spaniards in America for the years 1700-1821. Thus there is a brief historical overview of the time span involved, followed by chapters on firearms, accoutrements, swords, and cannon, as well as one inclusive chapter covering lesser weapons such as polearms, knives, and bayonets. In addition, there is a thin bibliography, a technical glossary, and an index. It should come as no surprise to find that the description given each weapon reads like a museum display card, for the co-authors of this piece are of the museum persuasion by training and employment. And they give a long list of thanks for aid in this undertaking, a fitting admission of their debts in that neither is widely fluent in Spanish. The book is indispensable to anyone researching the history of Spaniards in the American Southwest during the years covered.

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The History of (Lower) California. By DON FRANCISCO JAVIER CLAVIGERO, S.J. Edited by A. A. GRAY. Translated by SARA E. LAKE. Introduction by HOMER ASCHMANN. Manessier Publishing Company, 1971 (1937). Riverside, California. Maps. Illustrations. Appendices. Index. Pp. liii, 413. Cloth.

Out of print by 1945, the Stanford University Press edition has become rare. This alone would justify reprinting. However, while preserving the original version almost unchanged, Hugh Manessier has added many clear illustrations, a very enlightening essay on the original translator and editor, and a keenly critical introduction by Homer Aschmann. Maps are clearer than in the original printing. One of the most useful Jesuit accounts of the Baja California peninsula is again