

by presenting Mendel's story with sensitive insight plus giving the student an elementary discussion of the unique results of his experiments. The author's perceptive biography presents Mendel's life in an engaging manner and the characters are related with especially keen insight. The character development reaches great depths of understanding and one can easily become vicariously involved with each of the characters.

The publisher could have made use of topic headings throughout the chapters concerning his discoveries. One is never quite sure where the presentation of one law ends and another begins. With the understanding that this book is written for the junior high school level, a more extensive use of diagrams is indicated. The more sophisticated high school student would not require any more illustrations than are already present, but the younger student could utilize them for a clearer understanding. These flaws are purely mechanical and do not detract from the basic value of the book. The author shows a deft touch in combining elementary genetics with a fine biographical presentation. This book would definitely be a valuable addition to any school library.

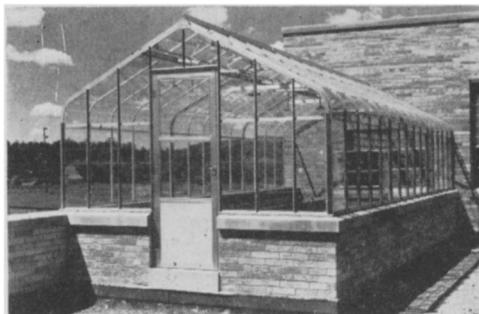
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PREGNANCY: CONCEPTION AND HEREDITY, Eric Weiser, 148 pp., \$1.50, Blaisdell Publishing Company, New York, 1965.

This inexpensive paperback provides a modern, succinct, accurate, and tasteful account of conception and heredity. Topics discussed include; genetics, eugenics, sex determination, prenatal development, sterility, and birth control. Frank discussion of each concept permits the reader to view the latest research of scientists. The vocabulary level approximates that of a senior high school student or layman, and it could be used as a supplementary text for junior and senior health or physiology classes. If all high school seniors read this or a similarly written text, it would eliminate numerous misunderstandings, as well as help develop a more mature understanding of pregnancy, heredity, and children. The scholarly approach, excellent handling of the subject matter, and general clarity are of particular note. Parents and their teenagers alike would profit from reading this book.

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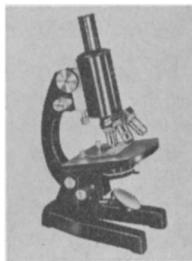
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