

signed to fill any new requirements that may be considered necessary for secondary schools.

If the writer believes, on the contrary, in a more general account, he faces the danger of leaving too much to the student's imagination. Professor Fish has written in delightful literary style a more elementary text. Professor Fish has organized his work in an interesting way, giving new titles to periods and allowing periods to overlap chronologically. He emphasizes the importance of social and economic factors, and expresses his interpretation without hesitation. The appendices are valuable additions, and at the close of each chapter, there are useful suggestions for questions, further reading and projects. Professor Harlow's book is intended for college reading. His style is delightful, also, but the account is conventional and with no particular differences to offer. It seems difficult to combine interpretation with the one-volume account. It is not at all clear why certain events are described and why others are omitted. In the preface, the writer should give a brief confession of faith in which he offers his criteria for choice of facts and tendencies. Professor Harlow's account of the Farmer's Alliance is very interesting, for example, but it is impossible to tell what he considers significant about it. The lack of rainfall, in fact, is given special emphasis. One would imagine that the hopes and fears of this insurgent group deserved some other emphasis. However, the task, at its best, is a difficult one. It may be impossible to write a one-volume text that combines accuracy of research and good literary style with a carefully established basis for the choice of facts. We need the latter especially, for, as a nation, our criteria for judgment are notably illogical and inadequate.

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Raising Fur-Bearing Animals. By HARDISON PATTEN. (Chicago: C. V. Ritter, 1925. Pp. 466. \$6.00.)

This volume is written as a guide to the raising of fur-bearing animals. It is intended therefore to interest the fur farmer rather than the historian. Some brief notes are given on the evolution of the fur business however which should prove of general appeal. The work appears to be a substantial contribution to its subject. Many drawings are furnished to show the habits of the animals and modern methods of fur-farming.