

BOOK REVIEW

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH MINERALS. GEORGE LETCHWORTH ENGLISH.
324 pages with 258 illustrations. Price \$2.50 net. Mineralogical Publishing Co.,
50 Brighton St., Rochester, New York.

This attractive book was written primarily to create an abiding interest in minerals on the part of those beginning their study of this subject. The author, by virtue of his extensive collecting trips to all parts of the world and his life-long intimate experience in examining and evaluating mineral specimens, was unusually well qualified to undertake such a task. The logical arrangement, interesting style of presentation and numerous excellent illustrations demonstrate the success of the venture in producing a text that has unusual merit and is unique in this field. The book should appeal not only to the amateur but the more advanced student will also profit by a careful reading of its pages.

The major portion of the book consisting of 324 pages is devoted to a discussion of the physical properties and description of the more common mineral species, although rocks are also given brief consideration; tables for the megascopic determination of minerals and a pronouncing vocabulary conclude the volume.

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Dr. M. N. Short, Professor of Optical Mineralogy at the University of Arizona, has been appointed special lecturer in the Departments of Mineralogy and Geology at the University of Michigan during the coming Summer Session. He will conduct a laboratory course in mineralography for a limited number of graduate students with proper qualifications.