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The Riddle of the Rhine. By Victor Lefebure. Victor Lefebure was a French chemical liason officer during the war; in this book he gives a comprehensive description of the development of chemical warfare, from the first use of gas by the Germans in 1915 to the last campaigns of the war. The account of the change, of the releasing of gas from cylinders, to the use of the "Livens Projector" and the German "cross shells" containing gaseous compounds of phosphorus, arsenic and organic poisons, is most interesting.

The book is of the propaganda type, and has for its chief purpose the calling to the world's attention the monopoly of the organic chemical industry which is controlled by the Interessens Gemeinschaft, "I. G.," of Germany. These huge dye works centered along the Rhine and its tributaries put Germany, although technically disarmed, in command of the largest source of munitions the world has ever produced. The connection between organic chemical research in Germany and the government is inseparable and it is estimated that within six days from the outbreak of any future war, Germany would be in a position to control the world supply of dyes, explosives, poisonous gases and organic drugs.

The seriousness of this situation cannot be overestimated; the next war will be fought with smoke, gas and gas shells and the country which establishes the initiative in gas warfare, viz., in the discovery of new poisonous com-

pounds and effective methods of protection, will have on its side one of the greatest components of victory. The treaty of Versailles does not prohibit Germany's taking the lead in the chemical industry and consequently this scientific nation is "fixing" tons of atmospheric nitrogen monthly and establishing an economic system of resources through chemistry, which will stand out as the peer of any country in the world.

Every American interested in the preservation of peace and democracy should read Victor Lefebure's book. The position of the American Chemical Warfare Service and its power and effectiveness in conflict is discussed most judiciously. Finally, the future of any nation in war or in peace is limited by the size of its chemical industries; let us of America build and utilize this fundamental science in industry until researches and power of production of American Chemistry will be the glory of our nation, anything short of this is anachronism in industry. J. C. KRANTZ, JR.

Nursery Guide for Mothers and Nurses, by Louis W. Sauer, M.D., senior attending pediatrician, Evanston Hospital, Illinois. Published by C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Mo. Price \$1.75. 188 pages.

"This little *vade mecum*, written for mothers and nurses, gives in clear, concise form all essential details in the care and feeding of infants. Unlike other books it does not give hazardous feeding formulas and prescriptions. It tells how to care for the infant in health and in disease. The subject matter is coherent and systematically arranged. The illustrations are timely."



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