differ essentially in value from limina calculated by the constant process from the same data. (2) The interpolated limina appear to be of fairly satisfactory order of reliability—one which in fact appears about the same as that of the constant process. (3) A measure for the reliability of the interpolated limina is suggested and to some extent empirically justified. (4) It seems practicable to reduce the number of the comparison stimuli used in the experimentation from 5 to 3. (5) Limina calculated by the normal interpolation from the reduced number of frequencies appear to retain about the same value of variability as when 5 stimuli are used—at least when the subject passes the same total number of judgments. These results, as well as the simplicity of the interpolation process, point to its feasibility for general use.

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Ability versus Effective Ability. (*Psychol. Rev., January*, 1928.) *Witty, Paul A., and Lehman, H. C.*

The authors combat a statement by Galton and Schuster by saying that " Ability is not identical with *effective* ability . . . the fruits of genius are a function of no less than three integers, namely, *ability*, *drive* and *opportunity*. This position is (to the authors) unassailable and would not require elaboration but for the tendency of some recent writers to confuse ability with effective ability, thus over-simplifying the problem of genius. A. WOHLGEMUTH.

Biozentrische Psychoanalyse [*Biocentric Psycho-analysis*]. (*Psych.-Neurol. Wochens., January* 14, 1928, No. 2.) *Juliusburger, O.*

Apparently an attempt to reconcile the schools of Adler and Freud. The will to power and sexuality are but expressions of the " will to live." A. WOHLGEMUTH.

Die Feststellung von Hypnose [*The Ascertainment of Hypnosis*]. *Psych.-Neurol. Wochens., January* 14, 1928, *No.* 2.) *Haupt, F.*

There is, for the operator, no absolutely certain objective criterion of actual hypnosis. The statement of the subject, *if reliable*, is of greater value. A. WOHLGEMUTH.

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(1) " The Acquisition of Skill," by John A. McGeoch. It covers the period from January, 1917, to, apparently, 1926.

(2) " The Curve of Continuous Work and Related Phenomena," by Llewellyn T. Spencer. It covers the period from 1921 to the end of 1926.

(3) " Inhibition and Facilitation," by A. G. Bills. It covers the period from 1921 to 1927.

(4) " Some Physiological Conditions of Efficiency," by Chester W. Darrow. The period covered is, apparently, from 1912 to 1927.

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