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The Book of Practical Radio. A. Scott-Taggart. This book is intended as a help to the constructor and guide to the service man. It is a compendium of practical knowledge which should give the amateur a grounding in radio technique sufficient for him to understand, to operate, repair and service almost any kind of radio receiver. There are 300 pages in the book, lavishly illustrated with photographs and plans of radio parts, etc. While the contents of this book are specially written for the beginner, there is nevertheless, enough here to give the expert much material for creative thought.

"My Life Story." J. R. Hobbs. To sing the praises of Jack Hobbs as a cricketer, is like painting the lily, but this book is well worth reading, as an exposition of the sterling worth of the man. Great as was his success and lavish the praise, Jack Hobbs, unassuming and modest, smiled his way through all. Early in the book he tells us that the atmosphere of his boyhood was religious. Towards the end when Mr Leveson-Gower asked his approval of an appeal to the members of the Surrey Cricket Club, for the erection of a wall round the Surrey Cricket Ground, with gates to bear his name, he was deeply touched and wondered what he had done to deserve so great an honour! Our admiration for the cricketer is only equalled in sincerity by our admiration for the man, Jack Hobbs.

Congo Jake. Augustus C. Collodon. Augustus C. Collodon was born on a canal boat on a Cheshire canal. At the age of 10 he was sold by his father to a sea captain for 20/-. Sailing with his purchaser Captain Jonathan Scratch, was the commencement of a life of adventure and Augustus had no complaint that his life was without events, for they followed thick and fast and he seemed to revel in something new. He was nearly 20 before he could read or write. Tragedy overtook him, losing both his wife and child. For the first time he lost heart. However the book closes with the despair conquered, and at peace with all the world he concludes "I have lived."