

although these may not be quite the best, have the important advantage of being thoroughly understood by the shops which work to them.

The book would be improved if more space was devoted to instruments. The student requires some help in selecting suitable types and is sometimes liable to waste money in buying expensive instruments which are unnecessary. There is also a rather involved error in the bottom of the first column of page 4, where feet and inches seem to have become interchanged in a confusing manner. But the book generally should fulfil its purpose of assisting the engineering student in learning mechanical drawing and should save him much trouble when he eventually reaches the drawing office.

How to Build Flying Boat Hulls and Seaplane Floats

By J. Streeter. Published by Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd. Price 6/-.

This book is a new addition to Messrs. Pitman's Aeronautical Engineering Series. Considering its small bulk, Mr. Streeter contrives to give a very considerable amount of information about the methods of construction of metal hulls and floats, dealing with the whole process from setting out to the testing of the complete hull. There is also a useful chapter on methods of repair.

The book can be recommended as an excellent treatise on its subject, which is one likely to come into much greater importance in the immediate future.

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AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

4th March, 1936.

Teddington, Middlesex,

National Physical Laboratory,

The Secretary,
The Royal Aeronautical Society,
7, Albemarle Street, London, W.1.

Dear Sir,—Herr O. Schrenk has drawn attention to the use in England of the term Schrenk flaps to denote flaps projecting normal to the under surface of the wing section. He points out that his original work was carried out conjointly with Herr Gruschwitz and that similar work has been done independently in other countries. He does not, therefore, wish his name to be associated with this form of flap. The Aeronautical Research Committee propose in future to refer to such flaps as "split flaps."

Yours faithfully,

J. L. NAYLER, *Secretary.*