

**GEOGRAPHIE DES INDISCHEN UND STILLEN OZEANS
(GEOGRAPHY OF THE INDIAN AND PACIFIC OCEANS)**

by

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This book by Professor Gerhard SCHOTT, Section Chief of the *Deutsche Seewarte*, Hamburg, and honorary professor of Hamburg University, is the continuation of the book by the same author concerning the geography of the Atlantic Ocean published in 1926.

This methodical publication contains wide and varied information; its various chapters are accompanied by comprehensive lists of sources of information, which make this work an excellent book of reference.

The first chapter describes the voyages of discovery to the Indian and Pacific Oceans from the middle ages to the 19th century; the second chapter is concerned with exploration on sea and on land in these oceans during the 19th century; the next chapters are devoted to the denominations, limits etc. of these oceans and a study of their geology. Chapter V deals more particularly with the depths of the ocean and the configuration of the ocean bed. The other chapters concern the meteorological and physical data on these oceans and their distribution in natural regions. The penultimate chapter deals with animal life in the Indian and Pacific Oceans and the last chapter is devoted to the human geography of these oceans and to the exploitation thereof by the various steamship lines, telegraph cables, fisheries, etc.

Plate IV is particularly noteworthy; it is a general bathymetric chart of these two oceans on an equal area projection, scale 1:60,000,000, brought up to date by general information relative to bathymetry for 1935.

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**A FEW SCATTERED EXPLANATIONS ON MY
MONUMENTA CARTOGRAPHICA AFRICAE ET ÆGYPTI**

by

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This publication, which forms a complement to the volumes of *Monumenta Cartographica Africae et Aegyptii* already issued, has been kindly presented to the International Hydrographic Bureau by the author.

The work opens with a few words concerning primitive geography and cartography and Part I is devoted to the geography and cartography of the Ancients, giving supplementary details on Volumes I and II of the "Monumenta". Parts II and III are particularly interesting; they give a detailed historical account of geographers of the East and West and of cartography originating in the East and West during the Middle Ages. Part IV refers to the age of Portuguese discovery and to the genesis and evolution of modern cartography.

These different questions were the subjects of lectures delivered by the author before the Royal Egyptian Geographical Society in March and April 1935.

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