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## BOOK REVIEW.

STEAM ENGINEERING.

"The Young Engineer's Guide" is the appropriate title of a compact, clothbound hand-book of 254 pages just received from the Windsor Supply House that will have a cordial welcome by everyone running steam engines into whose hands it comes. Steam engines are now so generally and almost constantly used in connection with many farms, that farmers, old and young, find it necessary to become experts in order to avoid trouble and secure the greatest possible power with the fuel and water That this book ought to be consumed. good, may be inferred from the fact that the present is the 39th edition, so that any corrections or additions discovered necessary in former issues have no doubt been made in the present volume, which ought to be perfect. The author, J. V. Rohan, was formerly an employee of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., and his attention was called to the almost constant inquiries for a work of this kind from young men mechanically inclined, and from those running farm engines and small steam plants. From his own knowledge, and the assistance of friends and experts, he has produced this book. The information contained is practical, and expressed in simple, concise language. Rarely does one find so much technical knowledge on a subject in such understandable form. Though not especially designed for ad-

vanced engineers, the instructions are

practicable for operating a plant of any size. The style of it is also unique,

viz., that of a catechism or conversation. The instruction and functions of all the parts of engines are minutely

described. The illustrations are clear

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