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Scientific Russian. A textbook for classes and self-study

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Abstract : ON launching into 665 pages of Russian grammar, and on being faced with, presumably, unfamiliar characters, it is a great advantage to become familiar with these characters by learning the Russian form of universal scientific words, a method adopted by Professor Perry. Indeed one is let down lightly in the first few lessons, and as the intricacies of the language are withheld until later, the student does not proceed feeling completely discouraged.

Whether it is better to learn from a scientific background and assimilate as r possible from those given (the Russian-English vocabulary runs to 81 pages; with the more orthodox grammar-cum-reader and later acquire a scientific) depends on individual preference. It is a great help for the scientist to learn beginning the words and phrases which he will most require, but, unfortun vocabulary he learns, from this book is strongly biased in favour of chemist it is a pity that examples are not drawn more equally from all branches of sc The grammar is adequately and clearly presented and the references to th used in word-building should facilitate the recognition of complex words. W generous supply of words and phrases in the earlier reading exercises, the same words in simple sentences would have illustrated the grammatical po impressed the vocabulary more firmly on the memory. If the more advanced reading which accompany the later lessons are over-simplified, there is tim meet less straightforward constructions when the literature is tackled. The accented (unfortunately not always accurately), but, as Professor Perry poi introduction, this aims at giving the student only a rough approximation of c pronuniaton, and this should suffice in reading scientific Russian. G. R. RITC

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