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The Science of Mankind

by Jane Werner Watson

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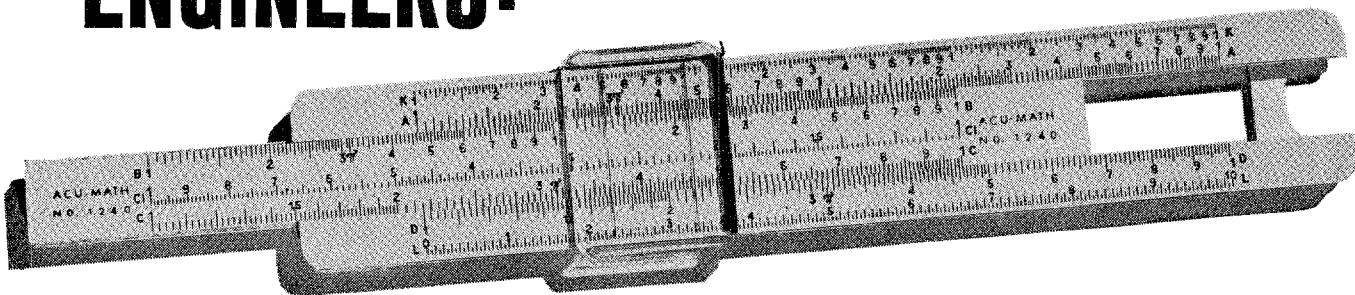
Jane Watson — the wife of Caltech's former dean of the faculty, Earnest C. Watson — follows up her 1958 book, *The World of Science*, with this equally impressive survey of the social sciences.

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