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## PROFESSORS' SALARIES<sup>1</sup> ARE EQUITABLE SALARIES PAID TO PROFESSORS?

By Dr. WILLIAM A. NOYES

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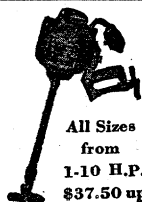
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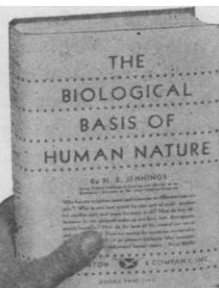
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