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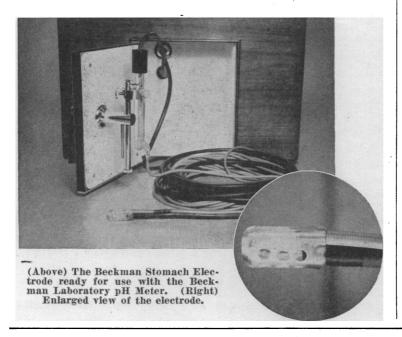
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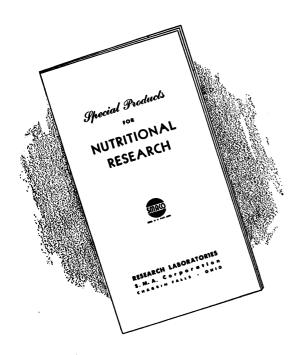
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By Dr. F. R. MOULTON

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Only once before since its founding ninety-three

years ago has the association met in New Hampshire. On the invitation of Dartmouth College, a summer meeting was held at Hanover, N. H., from June 29 to July 3, 1908. At that time the membership of the association was about 5,500; it now exceeds 21,000. Only 25 scientific papers were presented at the Hanover meeting, 16 in physics and nine in geology, in addition to two public addresses, one on "The Spoilation of Niagara," by Professor J. W. Spencer, and the other on "The American Bison," by Mr. T. S. Palmer. At the coming meeting at least 35 sessions will be held for the presentation of scientific papers in addition to a considerable number of field trips by the geologists, the botanical societies, the meteorologists and the

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TABLE 1

Purpose of experiment	Specimen identifica- tion	Time of extraction	Bio-assay* γ/cc of extract
Reproducibility of results	P.U. 1A P.U. 1B	6 hrs.	63 63
extraction	P.U. 2 P.U. 2A P.U. 2B P.U. 2C	24 " 4 " 8 " 16 "	$egin{array}{c} 42 \\ 42 \\ 42 \\ 42 \end{array}$
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\* Rat Unit =  $1\frac{3}{4} \gamma$  estrone

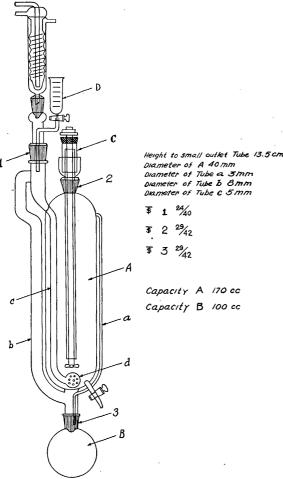


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