
Catalogue Corner

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Specialized nutritional research products. Investigators studying nutritional deficiencies will be interested in a small catalogue of research preparations which have been standardized by the General Biochemicals Company. In addition to the many items which the company has pioneered in the past, two new products are listed. One is a "Yeast Supplement Solution" for microbiological procedures and the other is a "Basal Medium Stock Solution." The latter was developed to supply scientists with a complete medium suitable for microbiological Riboflavin Assay, U. S. P. XII. The former product is suitable for individual manipulation according to the research being undertaken. *Special products for nutritional research, Catalogue SC-461.* General Biochemicals, Inc., Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Penicillin ointment. The control of certain infections may be possible by local penicillin therapy; others may require combined topical and parenteral administration. Based on research and clinical studies, Schenley Laboratories have prepared a penicillin ointment for topical application. The use of topical therapy for such infections as *syccosis barbae*, *syccosis vulgaris*, chronic infectious dermatitis, and folliculitis is described in a small brochure recently released. *Penicillin ointment Schenley, Brochure PB130-1 SC461.* Schenley Laboratories, Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y.

Sound films for science teaching. The Encyclopaedia Britannica Films Company has just issued an interesting and helpful outline of the film content of several hundred films now in regular stock. In addition to a description of the film, information is given about the collaborators and suggested uses in the classroom. Instructors who are just starting to use films will find the glossary of "film words" and projection suggestions of considerable help. *Classroom films (sound), Booklet KW SC-461.* The Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc., 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.

Fine mineral specimens. The current annual edition of fine mineral specimens which the Ward's Natural Science Establishment issues has just reached this office. It is a price list with descriptions of individual mineral specimens suitable for the collector of classroom or museum exhibits. The minerals listed range from Acmite to Zuynite. Interestingly enough is the note that Uraninite cannot be shipped by mail. *Fine mineral specimens, Catalog 456 SC-461.* Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Inc., Box 24, Beechwood Station, Rochester 9, N. Y.

Electrical measuring instruments. The Weston Electrical Instrument Corporation has sent in its new catalogue of instruments. Included are laboratory and portable standards, testing portables, switchboard instruments, panel instruments, relays and controls, tachometers, thermometers, aircraft instruments, etc. The descriptions are unusually complete with technical specifications, diagrams, illustrations, and prices. *Weston electrical instruments, Catalog 13-A SC-461.* Weston Electrical Instrument Corporation, Newark 5, N. J.

Flame photometry. The increasing importance of trace elements in modern research and production emphasizes the need of a faster, more accurate method of analyzing for the presence of sodium or potassium in other elements. In answer to this need the Perkin-Elmer Corporation is presenting a new instrument, the Flame Photometer, which enables these difficult analyses to be performed faster and more easily than is possible by any other method. It permits direct reading, quantitative determination of sodium and potassium individually, in the presence of each other and of all other common elements. With this new instrument the time required for a routine analysis for both elements is less than 2 minutes when an accuracy of plus or minus 3 per cent is satisfactory, and less than 20 minutes when 1-per cent accuracy is needed. Extreme sensitivity on a small sample can be obtained, since one microgram in 16 cc. of solution (0.1 p.p.m.) can be detected. *The Perkin-Elmer Flame Photometer, Model 18, Bulletin SC-462.* The Perkin-Elmer Corporation, Glenbrook, Conn.

Photographic materials for spectrum analysis. The Eastman Kodak Company has recently published a handbook on the photographic problems related to spectrographic analysis. Illustrated with charts, graphs, and reproductions of spectroscopic plates, the handbook gives useful information on a wide range of topics. Among the subjects covered are: the properties of plates and film; precautions in photographic photometry; choice of photographic material; processing; storage of photographic materials; handling of plates and films. Data sheets give the important facts about ultraviolet and infrared sensitive films and plates. *Kodak materials for spectrum analysis. Handbook SC-462.* Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y.

Biological supplies. The 1945-1946 catalogue of the General Biological Supply House, Inc., has just reached this office. Its 416 pages list the thousands of biological items carried in stock by this house. Among the new listings to be found in this edition are bacteria and mold cultures, new key cards and quiz sheets, special anatomy charts, improved microscope and Kodachrome slides, and plastic embedded specimens for display and demonstration purposes. *Turtlox biological supplies. Catalog No. 12 SC-462.* General Biological Supply House, Inc., 761 East 69th Place, Chicago 37, Ill.