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A set of four printing plates would have been required—magenta (known to printers as "red"), cyan (known to printers as "blue"), yellow, and black. Arrangements would have had to be made for the page to go through four impressions under exacting conditions of register and inking. We could have afforded it and so could almost any other firm listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

To a certain national wildflower society, however, which does have a beautiful color transparency of *Castilleja linearifolia* to reproduce in its bulletin, this order of expenditure is enough to chew its whole publication budget into shreds. Such figures have scared off many other societies and publishers of periodicals and books aimed at smallish audiences.

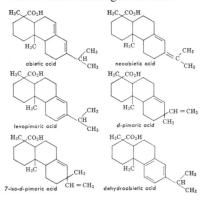
Very well, we have devised a cutrate color printing method. It is intended for press runs of not much more than 2,500 copies. It dispenses with the black plate, depending on overprinted heavy inking for rendering dark areas. It permits none of the laborious hand work that's back of the exquisite effects achieved in some color advertisements and none of the color correction by electronic computing circuitry, used for editorial color illustrations in some mass magazines. It would hold down the soaring flight of an advertising art director's creative imagination.

But, by George, it's color printing, and it might be just the ticket for the scientist with a few Kodachrome or Ektachrome slides that drive home the whole point he wants to make. Matter of fact, it was him we developed the process for.

Eastman Kodak Company, Graphic Reproduction Division, Rochester 4, N. Y., can supply the names of some printers who know all about the "3-color short-run" process.

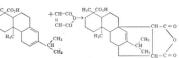
In early spring sap

When the bark of a longleaf pine is scraped down into the sapwood, the wound exudes an item of commerce called gum oleoresin. This consists of a mixture of α - and β -pinenes, sold as gum turpentine, plus a mixture of the following resin acids:

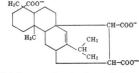


Dancing to the tune of temperature and pH, the loose protons and the double-bond electron configurations can twinkle around in these isomers like so many animated electric signs. If you do your work in the cold, you'll find that levopimaric acid is the largest single component of these resin acids; it is particularly dominant in early spring sap.

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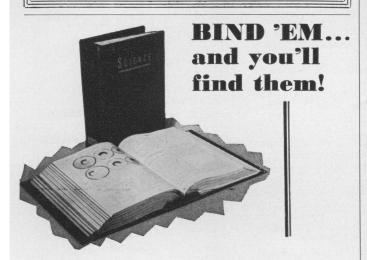
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