not, to my knowledge, been demonstrated heretofore. To a considerable extent he owes this facility to his unusual familiarity with both British and German sources. To this he adds an ability to correlate the scientific and the technical with the economic. This will come as no surprise to those who recognize him as the son of Fritz Haber, whose name is associated with ammonia synthesis.

The sulfuric acid, soda ash, caustic soda, bleaching powder, and coal-tar dye industries are described in detail—an obvious core around which revolved other chemical industries which are only briefly touched upon here. Of particular interest is the account of the struggle for survival of the Leblanc soda industry. Although the author refrains from emphasizing the point unduly, scientists will be interested to note the scientific weakness of the great British soda combine which, in its declining days, employed 50 chemists in 45 works—a ratio of 1 to each 240 employees.

The account of the German dye industry comprises the most penetrating and original part of the book, at least from the point of view of the English reader, and is especially useful in view of our tendency to regard the growth of this industry as something of a devious plot. Since the book ends with the 19th century, it leaves much of this story untold. The account of American development is competently handled, but serves as a reminder that the 19th century was not a period of great chemical enterprise in this country.

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