

amply demonstrate that the so-called "triple inheritance" discussed by Race and Sanger in the third edition of their book is fictional, since, as is shown in Table 1, the blood factors are inherited not in three's but in blocks varying from two to seven factors each. Perhaps the C-D-E notations are simpler; but the question involved is not merely one of choice between two designations for the same thing, and workers must decide whether they prefer to do what is simpler or what is correct.

The protest that the report prepared by the American Medical Association committee by four leading scientists is

biased, and that the signers of the protest "shall continue to use the C-D-E nomenclature until such time as a properly representative international body arrives at a definite nomenclature" is misleading. The protest fails to mention that for the past decade Wiener has urged that such an international committee be formed, and that before the American Medical Association report was prepared, Fisher and Race were both invited, all expenses paid, to discuss the problem, but they declined.

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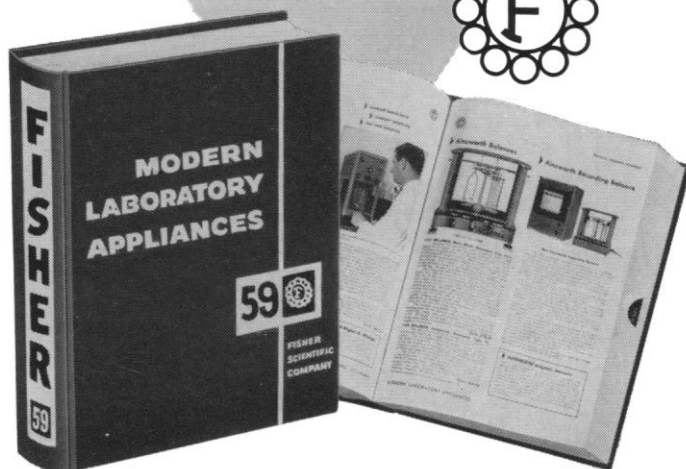
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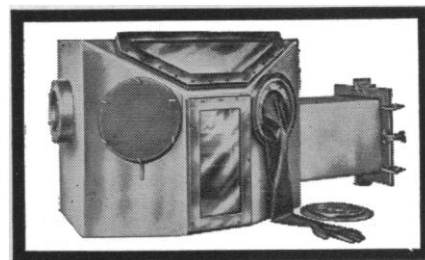
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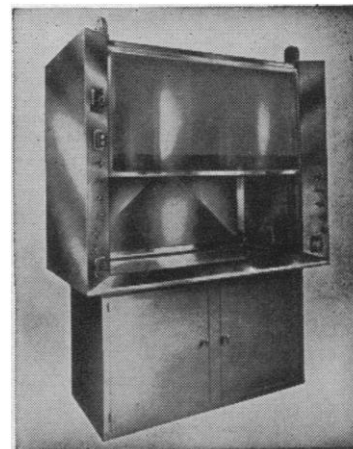
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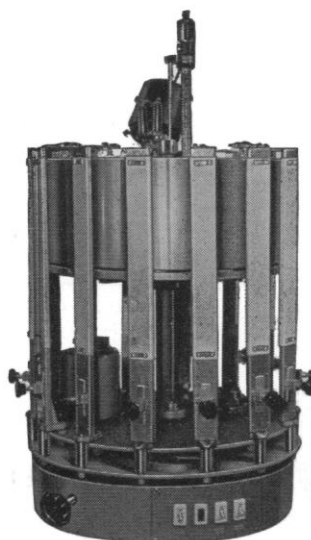
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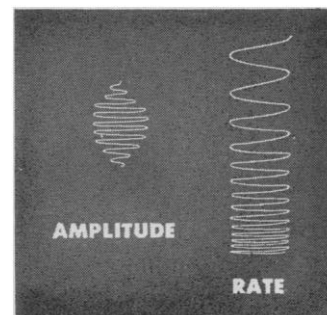
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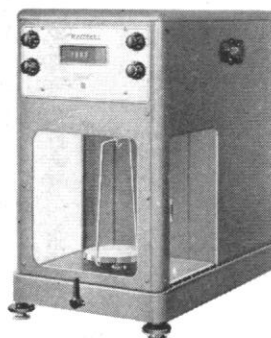
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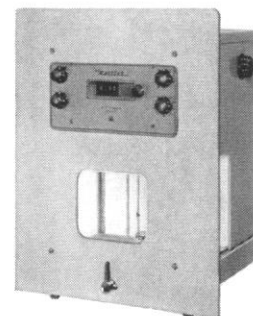
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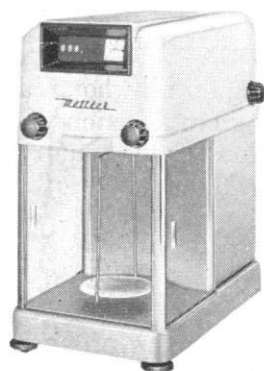
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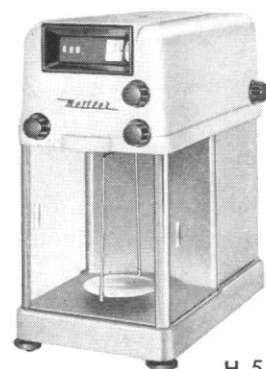
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