the feeder or feeders, silhouetted against the sky over the side of the boat, on every trial which was made. Having one feeder hold a fish while a second held nothing fails to solve this problem. Unknown and unsuspected optical stimuli may always have been present. The only adequate solution is complete screening to eliminate entirely the human observers as sources of uncontrolled visual cues. Research in comparative psychology has many times demonstrated this fundamental principle (2).

The porpoise in the Breviora studyeven with poor eyesight-may therefore have located its fish (i) by watching the experimenters from beneath the water and noting the position of their bodies, arms, and hands; (ii) by orienting (in some cases) to the sound of the surface splash; or (iii) by echolocation; or by a combination of these methods. The methods of investigation employed, it would appear, do not permit us to say in just what way the animal discovered the fish. When possibilities other than echolocation remain uncontrolled, then echolocation has not been demonstrated to exist as a primary causal factor.

Perhaps the best that can be said of the Breviora evidence is that it is inferential. Other inferential evidence, which may be less questionable, was furnished by Kohler, Morris, and me in 1953 (3), when we obtained recordings of the actual echoes from porpoise noises and measured the duration of some of these echoes. In fact, I discussed echolocation in the porpoise as a possibility as far back as 1952 (4). It should be noted in this connection that two separate papers by Schevill and Lawrence concerning their earlier work with a different porpoise state clearly that "we never heard any sound from her [the porpoise] that could be in any way related to her navigation or food-getting" (5), and another states that there was "a complete lack of any evidence that she was using echolocation" (6). The most recent of these statements appeared in print in 1954.

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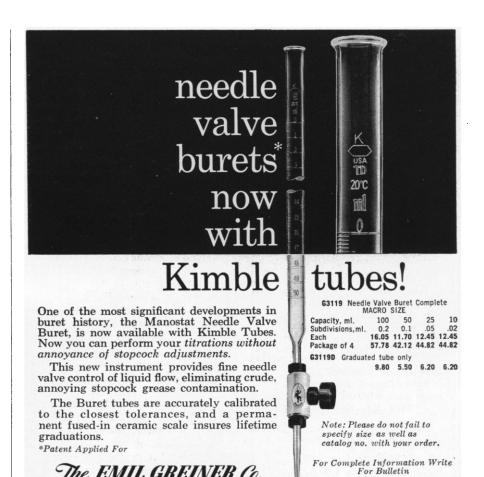
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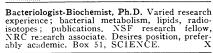
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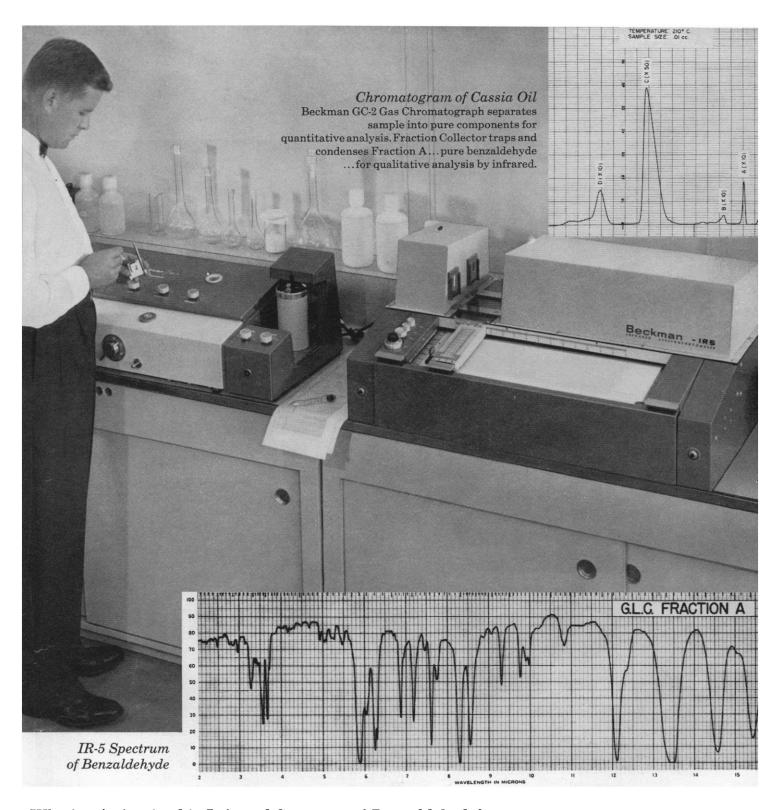
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