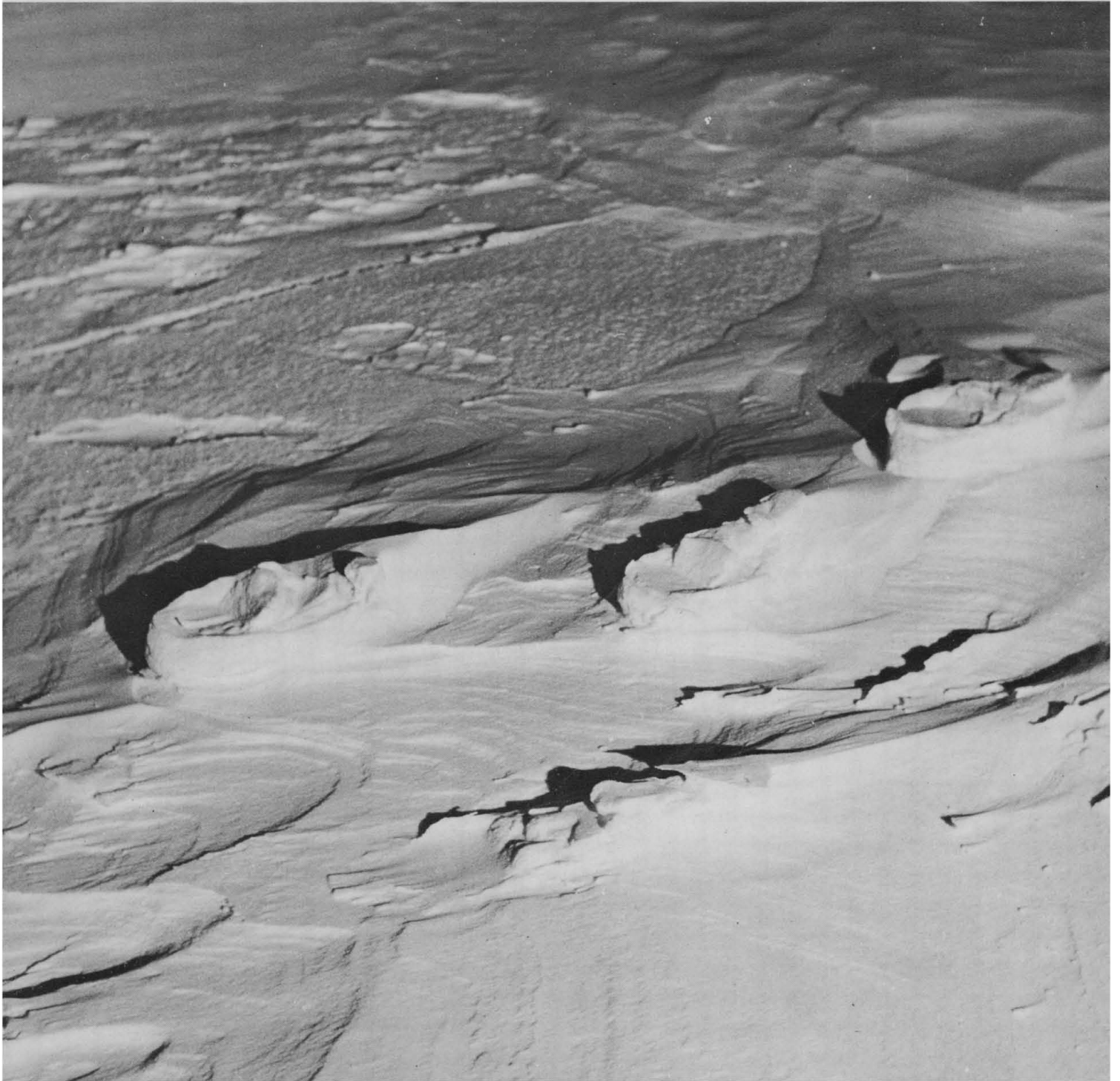


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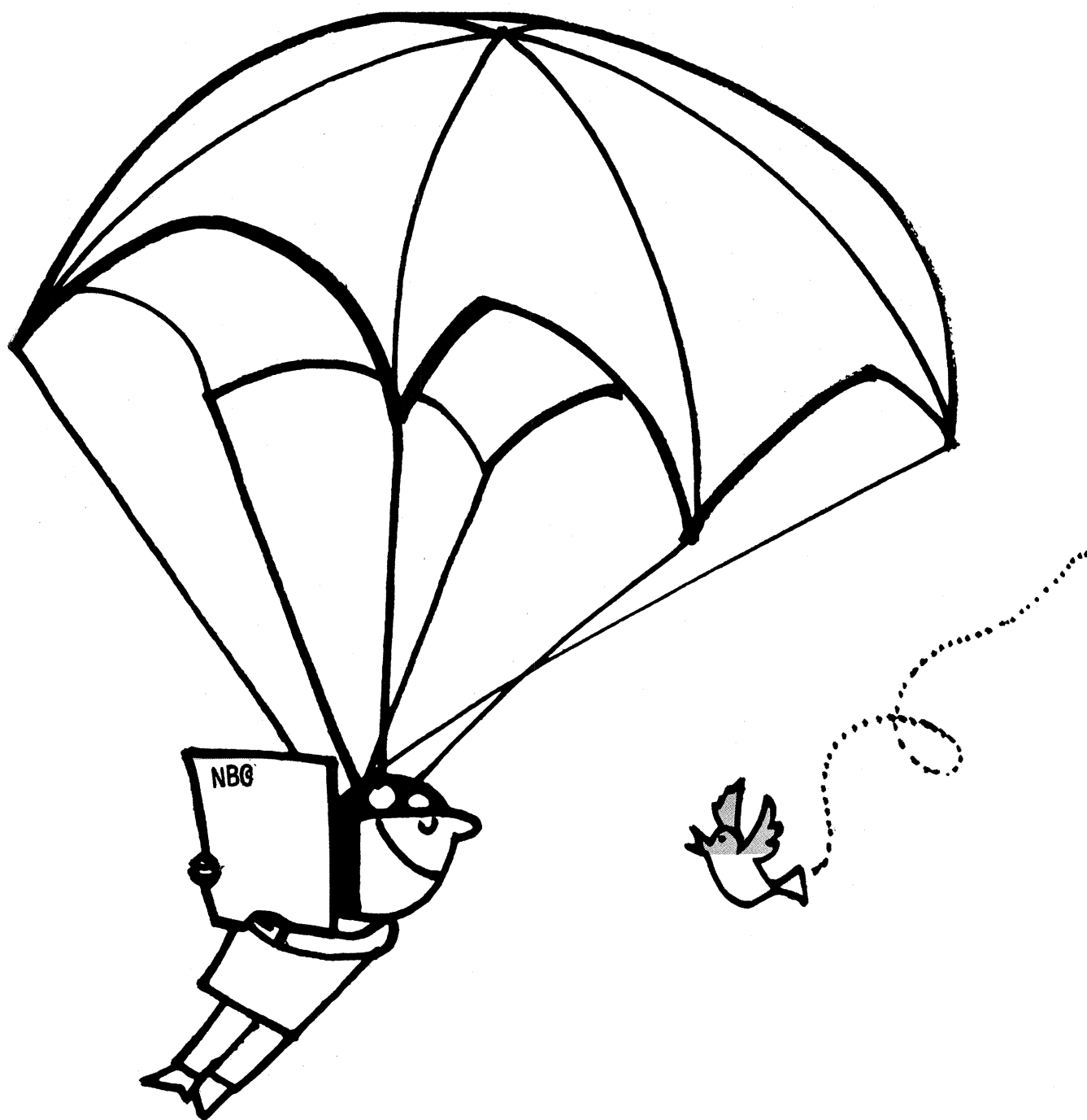
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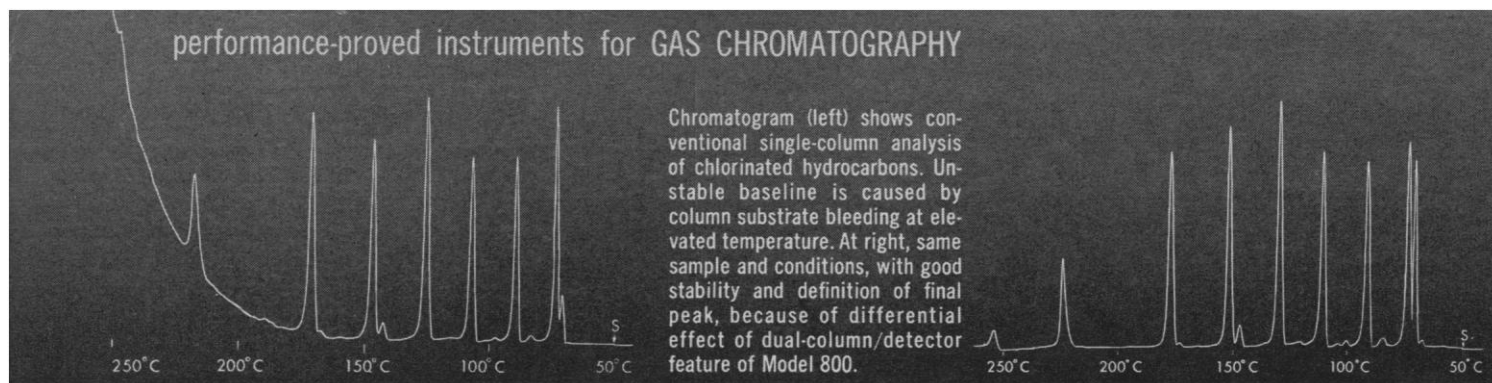
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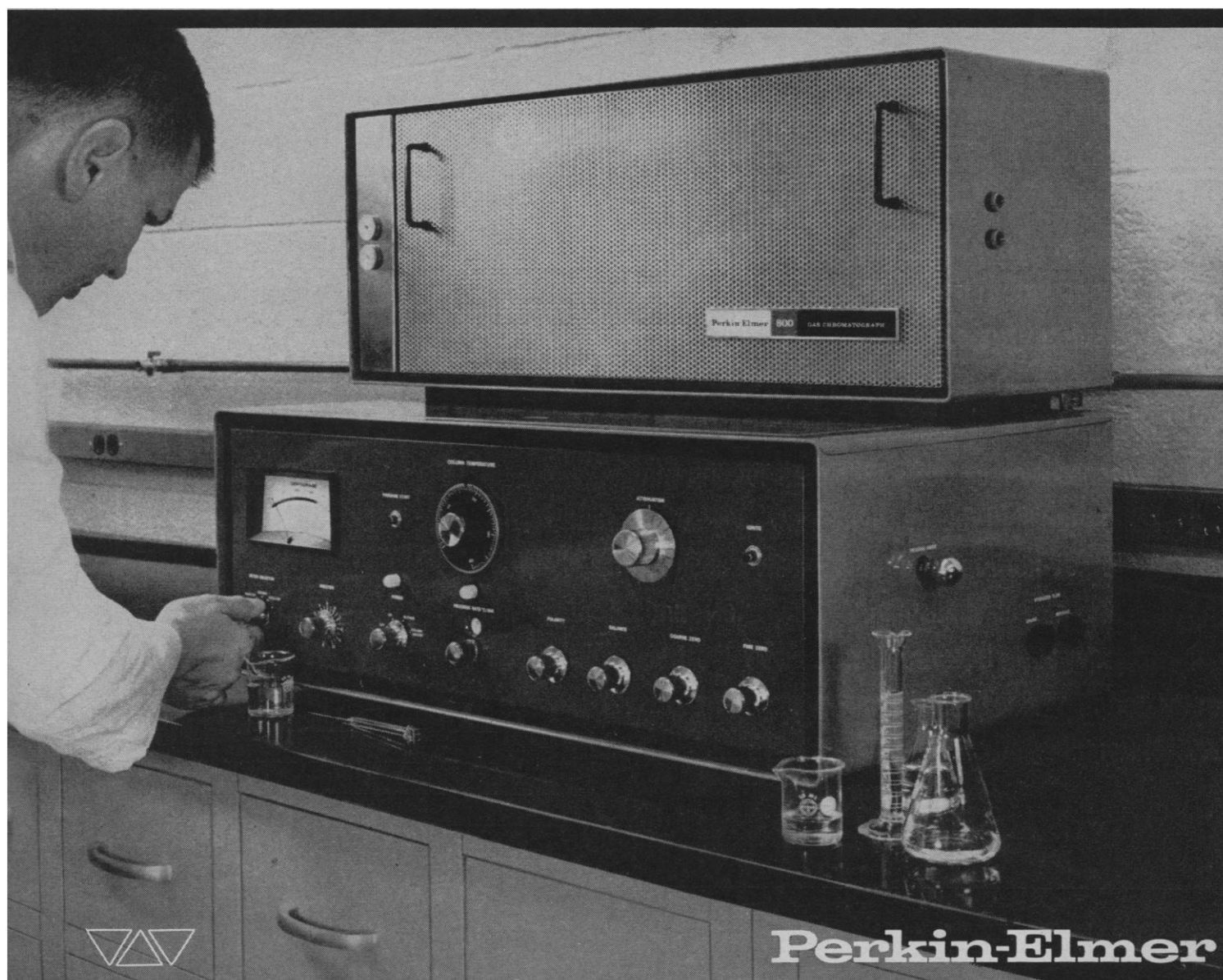
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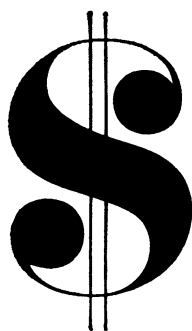
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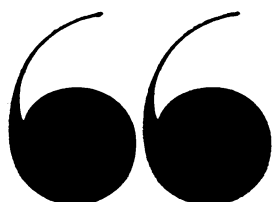


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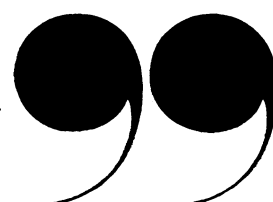
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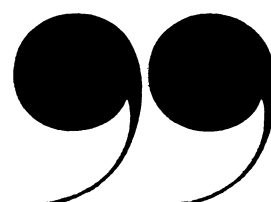
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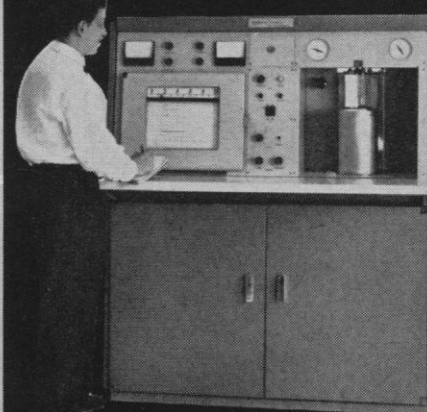
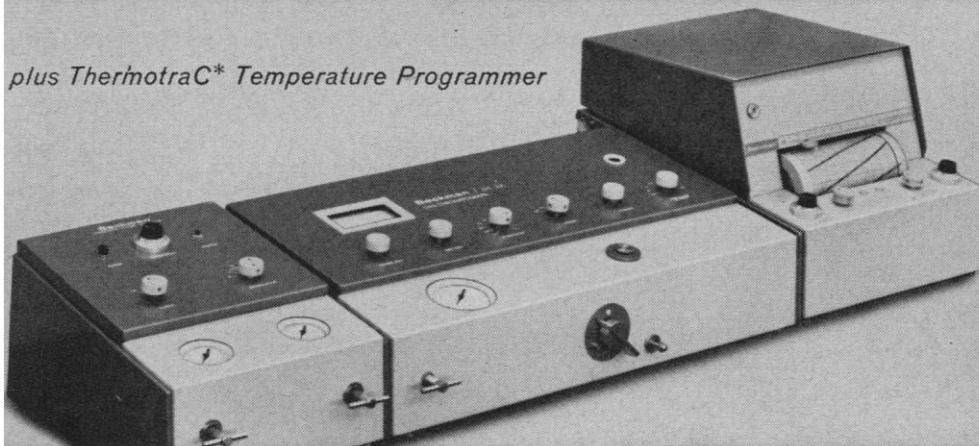
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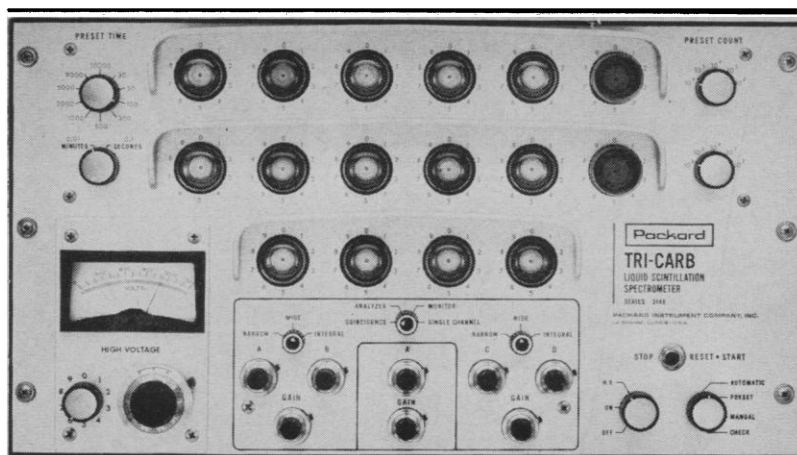
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"The present state of knowledge about atmospheric pollution and its control provides a basis for predicting consequences for our air resources of certain patterns of human activity, such as transportation systems, industrial operations, energy production, and weapons testing. Given this knowledge, policy decisions on matters like land utilization, fuel usage, and urban organization become imperative in conserving our air resources. A sound public policy, suitably implemented, can protect health and economic values, and can encourage technological progress.

"The American Association for the Advancement of Science's Committee on Science in the Promotion of Human Welfare has developed recommendations concerning the role of the scientific community and its members in issues of public policy involving scientific considerations. Among other things, it concluded that the scientific community should 'provide for the public and its social and political agencies, objective statements of the facts and of the consequences of alternative policies that are required for informed decisions on the relative merits of proposed courses of action.'

"In order to encourage the application of scientific objectivity and the fund of scientific information to the problems associated with air conservation, the resources of the scientific community may be applied to these problems in several ways: (i) to assemble and transmit facts relevant to the formulation of public policy decisions; (ii) to predict from these facts the consequences of alternative public policies; (iii) to assess the assumptions and limits of error underlying these facts and predictions; (iv) to determine which additional facts are needed to arrive at reliable predictions; (v) to periodically evaluate the consequences of public policies in light of available facts.

"The American Association for the Advancement of Science Committee on Science in the Promotion of Human Welfare hereby convenes an Air Conservation Commission to marshal the resources of the scientific community in the manner mentioned above. This Commission is charged with responsibility to define the issues and the consequences which may be anticipated from these alternatives, so far as available facts permit. The Commission's findings shall be reported through appropriate channels of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to the scientific community at large."—*AAAS Committee on Science in the Promotion of Human Welfare*



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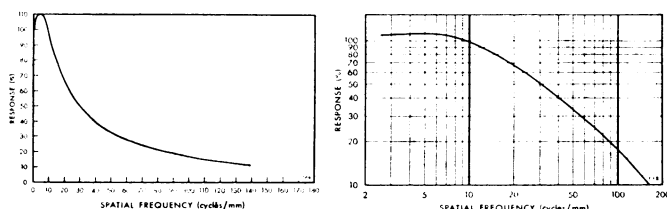
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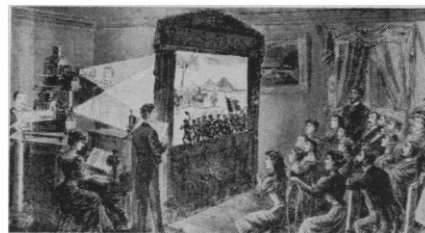
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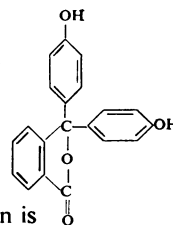


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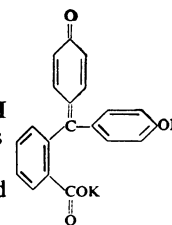
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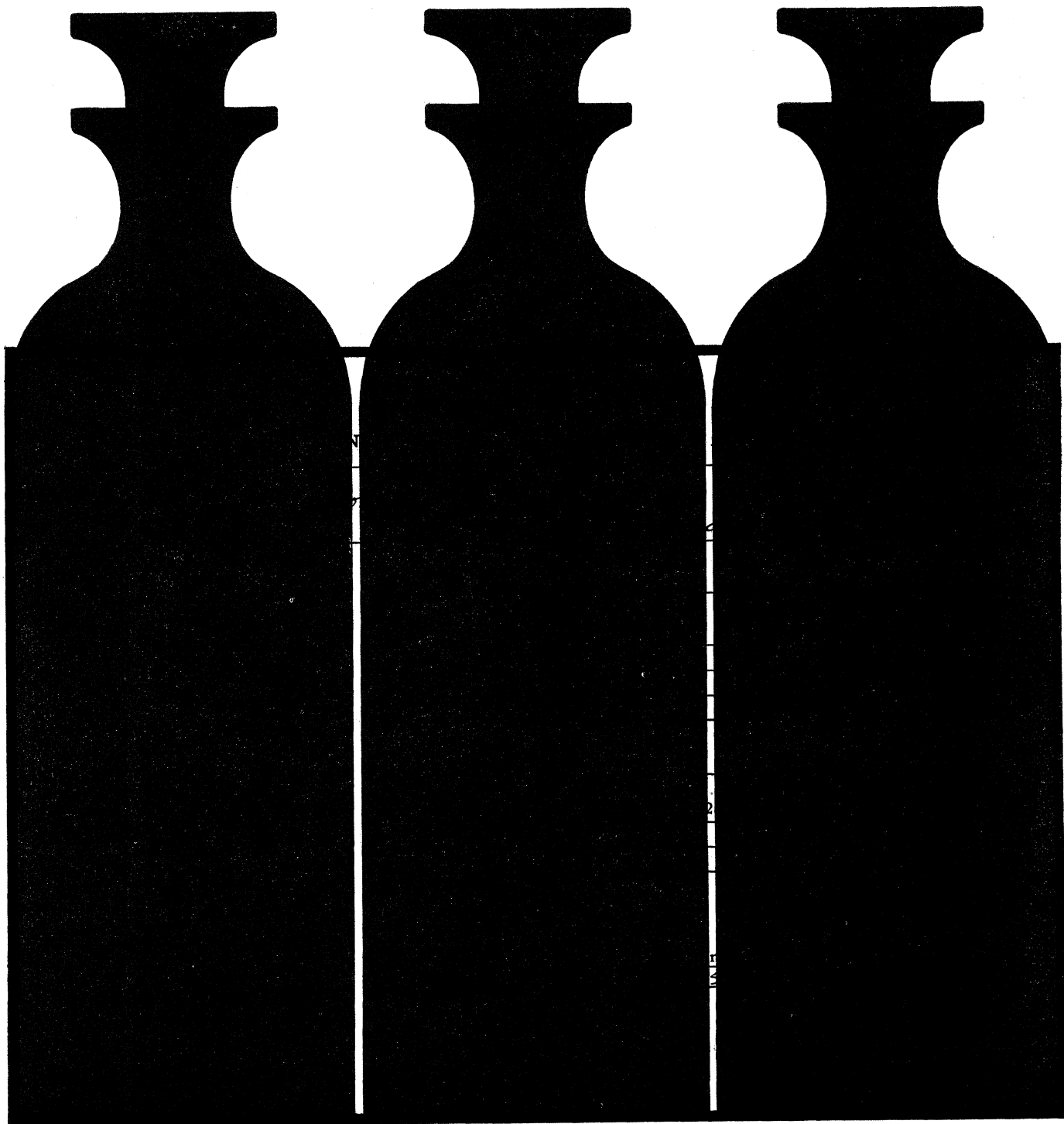
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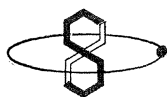
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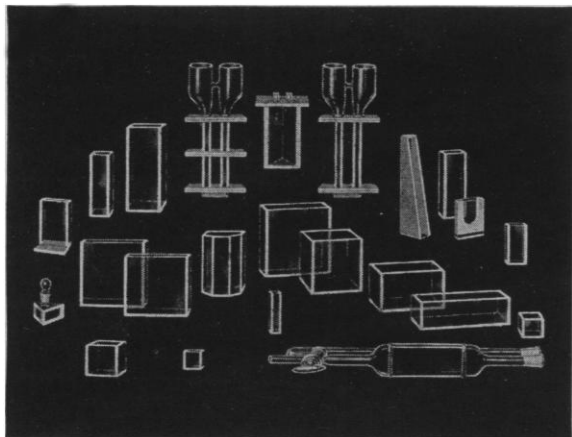
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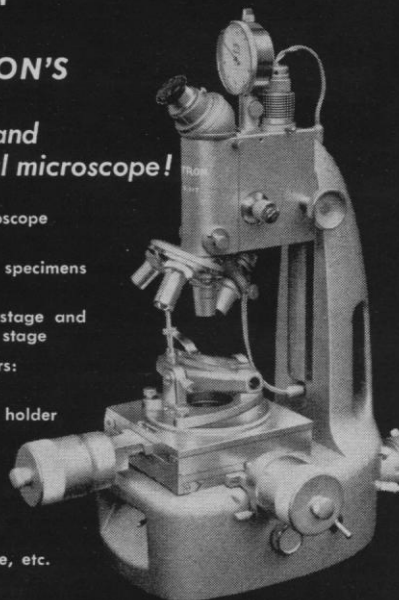
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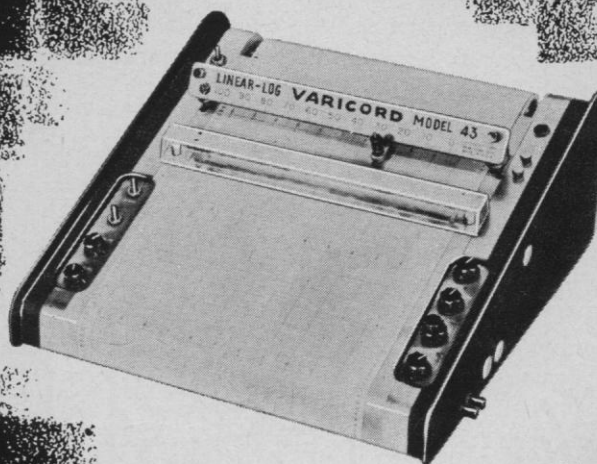
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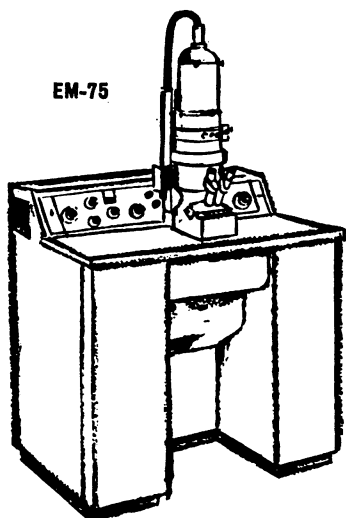
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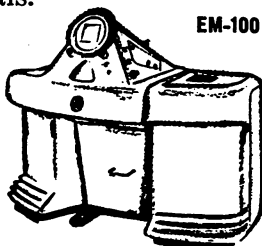


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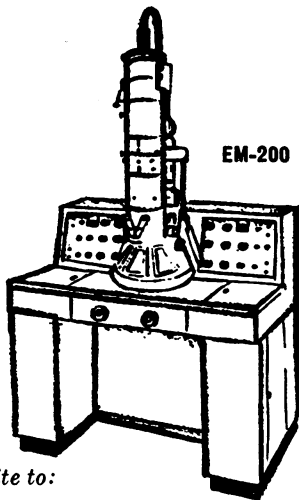
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25-31. Environmental Control of Plant Growth, intern. symp., Canberra, Australia. (L. T. Evans, C.S.I.R.O., Div. of Plant Industry, P.O. Box 109, Canberra City, A.C.T., Australia)

26. American Assoc. of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis, annual, New York, N.Y. (M. K. Newman, 16861 Wyoming Ave., Detroit 21, Mich.)

26-29. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, natl. mtg., Denver, Colo. (F. H. Poettmann, Ohio Oil Co., P.O. Box 269, Littleton, Colo.)

26-29. Soil Conservation Soc. of America, Washington, D.C. (H. W. Pritchard, 838 Fifth Ave., Des Moines 14, Iowa)

26-31. American Inst. of Biological Sciences-American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Pacific Div., Corvallis, Ore. (AIBS, 2000 P St., NW, Washington 6, D.C.)

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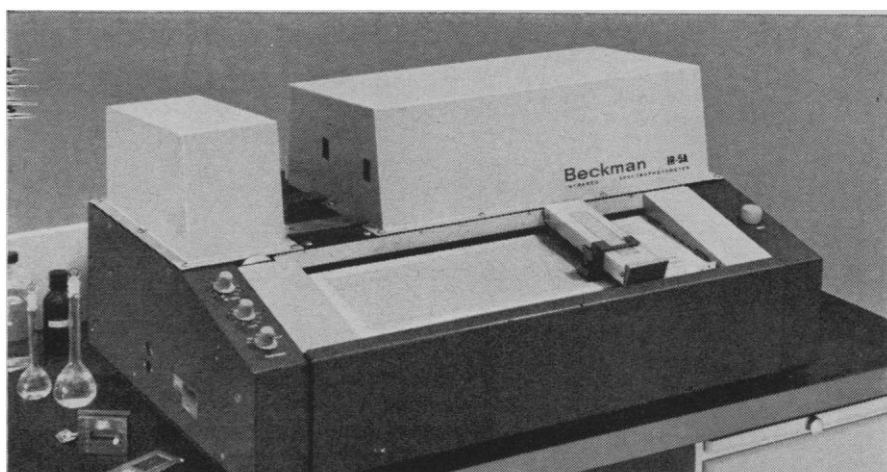
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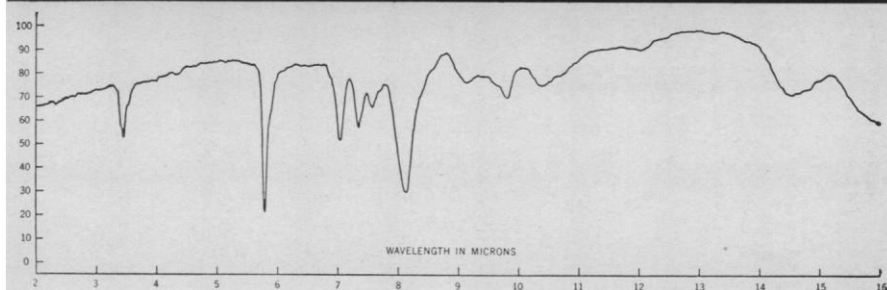
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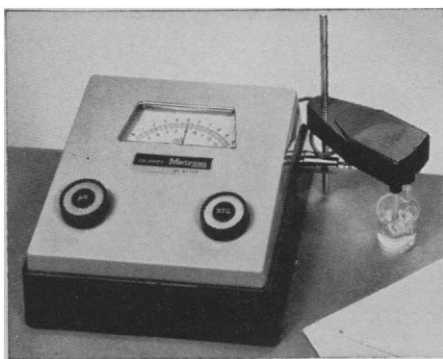
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26-31. International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis, session, Berlin, Germany. (F. Schneider, Langer Kamp 5, Braunschweig, Germany)

26-1. International Federation of Information Processing Societies, annual, Munich, Germany. (I. L. Auerbach, Auerbach Electronics Corp., 1634 Arch St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.)

26-1. Radiology, intern. congr., Montreal, Canada. (C. B. Peirce, Suite 204, 1555 Summerhill Ave., Montreal 25)

26-2. History of Science, intern. congr., Ithaca, N.Y. (26-31 Aug.), and Philadelphia, Pa. (31 Aug.-2 Sept.). (Secretary, Intern. Congr. of the History of Science, Cornell Univ., Ithaca)

27-28. Culture Collections, conf., Ottawa, Ont., Canada (by invitation). (S. M. Martin, Div. of Applied Biology, Natl. Research Council, Ottawa 2)

27-28. Scandinavian Neurosurgical Soc., annual, Odense, Denmark. (B. Broager, Neurokirurgisk Afdeling, Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen, Denmark)

27-29. American Physical Soc., Seattle, Wash. (H. A. Shugart, Univ. of California, Berkeley 4)

27-29. Ballistic Missile and Space Technology, symp., Los Angeles, Calif. (C. T. Morrow, Aerospace Corp., P.O. Box 95085, Los Angeles 45)

27-29. Mathematical Assoc. of America, summer mtg., Vancouver, B.C. (H. L. Alder, MAA, Dept. of Mathematics, Univ. of California, Davis)

27-29. Metallurgy of Semiconductor Materials, conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (Amer. Inst. of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, 345 E. 47 St., New York 17, N.Y.)

27-30. American Assoc. of Clinical Chemists, Santa Monica, Calif. (G. F. Lanchantin, Cedars of Lebanon Hosp., Los Angeles, Calif.)

27-30. American Astronomical Soc., New Haven, Conn. (H. J. Smith, Yale Observatory, 135 Prospect St., New Haven)

27-30. American Soc. for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Nashville, Tenn. (H. G. Mandel, George Washington Univ. School of Medicine, 1337 H St., NW, Washington 5, D.C.)

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27-1. Application of Automatic Control in Prosthetics Design, intern. symp., Opatija, Yugoslavia. (Yugoslav Committee for Electronics and Automation, Terazije 23, Belgrade)

27-1. Combustion, intern. symp., Ithaca, N.Y. (Combustion Symp. Office, Upson Hall, Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering, Cornell Univ., Ithaca)

27-1. International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences, congr., Stockholm, Sweden. (Mr. Bergquist, Flugtechniska Föreningen, Bromma 11, Stockholm)

27-2. Chemistry of Natural Products, intern. symp., Prague, Czechoslovakia. (Symposium Secretariat, P.O. Box 159, Prague 6, Dejvice)

27-8. International Dairy Federation, annual, Copenhagen, Denmark. (IDF, 10 rue Ortélius, Brussels 4, Belgium)

28-31. American Mathematical Soc., summer meeting, Vancouver, B.C. (AMS, 190 Hope St., Providence 6, R.I.)

28-31. American Physiological Soc., Buffalo, N.Y. (R. G. Daggs, APS, 9650 Wisconsin Ave., Washington 14, D.C.)

28-31. Catholic Intern. Federation of Hospital Institutions, congr., Evian, France. (A. A. M. Sanders, Carel van Bylandtlaan 8, The Hague, Netherlands) (See issue of 22 June for comprehensive list)