

23-26. **Gas Chromatography**, 2nd intern. symp., Houston, Tex. (A. Zlatkis, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Houston, Houston)

23-26. American **Physical Soc.**, Philadelphia, Pa. (K. K. Darrow, Columbia Univ., New York 27)

24-26. **Physics and Dynamics of Clouds**, conf., American Meteorological Soc., Chicago, Ill. (Miss D. L. Bradbury, Dept. of Geophysical Sciences, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago)

25-27. **Aerospace Bearings**, USAF-Southwest Research Inst. conf., unclassified, San Antonio, Tex. (P. M. Ku, SwRI, 8500 Culebra Rd., San Antonio)

25-27. **Entomological Soc. of America**, Northcentral branch, Omaha, Neb. (G. E. Guyer, Dept. of Entomology, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing)

26-28. **Michigan Acad. of Science, Arts and Letters**, East Lansing (G. G. Mallinson, Western Michigan Univ., Kalamazoo)

26-28. Southern Soc. for **Philosophy and Psychology**, 56th annual, Lexington, Ky. (D. Calvin, Psychology Dept., Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington)

27-28. American **Ethnological Soc.**, Pittsburgh, Pa., (N. F. S. Woodbury, U.S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.)

27-28. **Seismological Soc. of America**, annual, Seattle, Wash. (K. V. Steinbrugge, SSA, 465 California St., San Francisco 4, Calif.)

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28-30. American Assoc. of Colleges of **Pharmacy**, Detroit, Mich. (C. W. Bliven, 1507 M St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005)

29-2. Association of American **Geographers**, annual, Syracuse, N.Y. (AAG 1201 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C.)

30-2. American Assoc. of **Junior Colleges**, Bal Harbour, Fla. (W. G. Shannon, AAJC, 1777 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

31-3. American Assoc. of **Anatomists**, Denver, Colo. (L. B. Flexner, Dept. of Anatomy, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 4)

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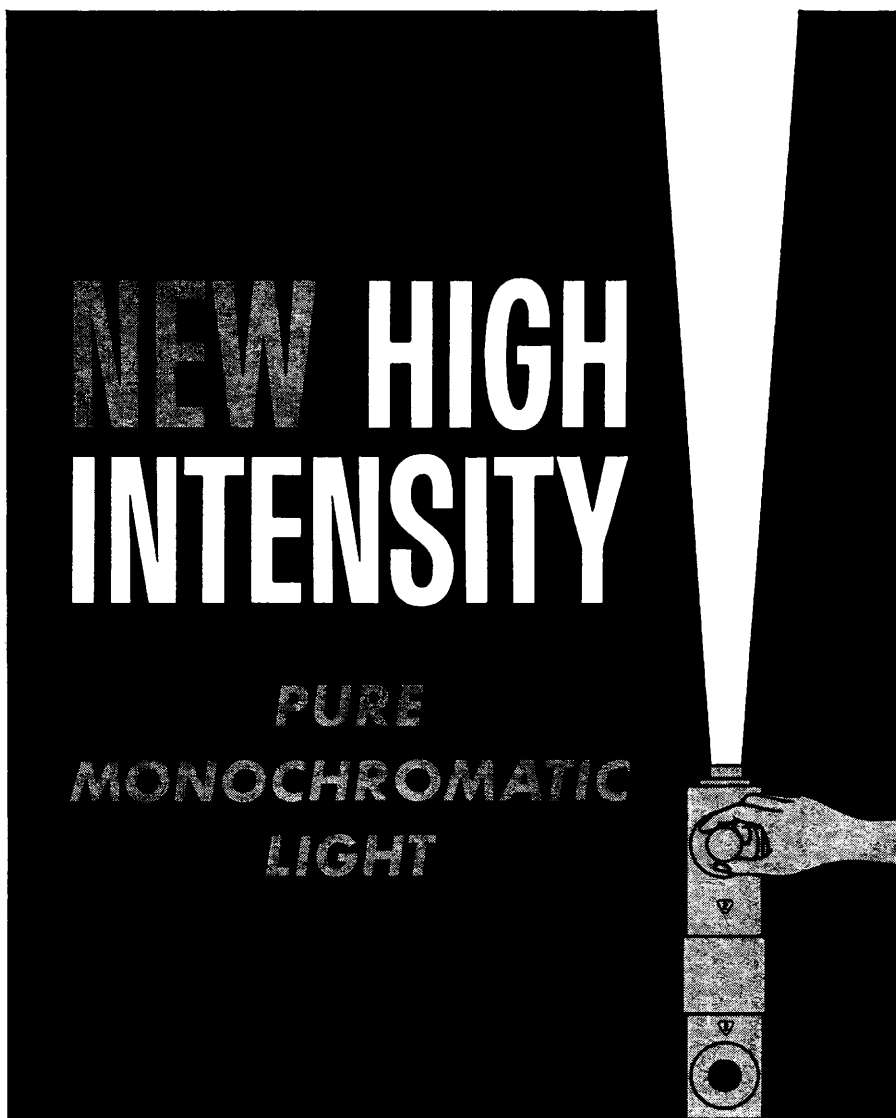
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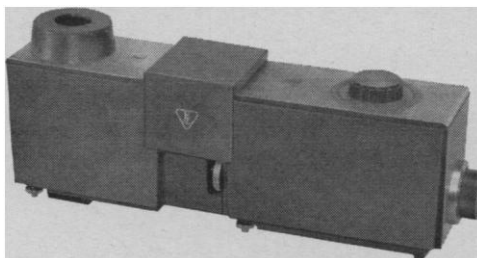
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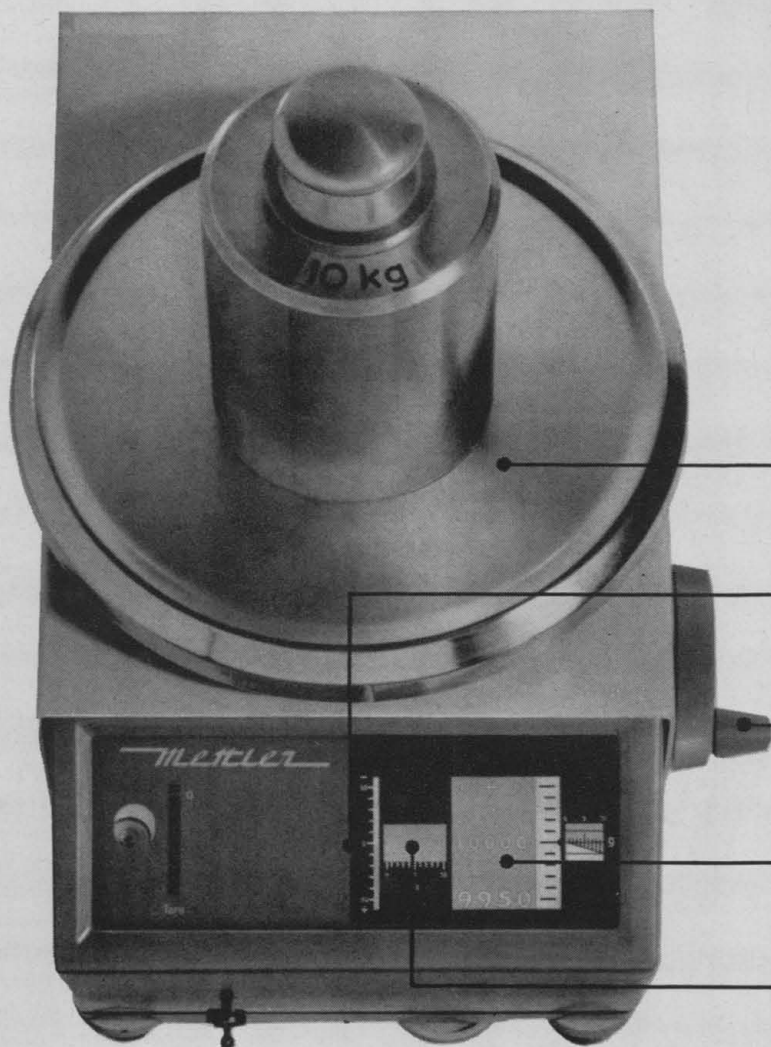
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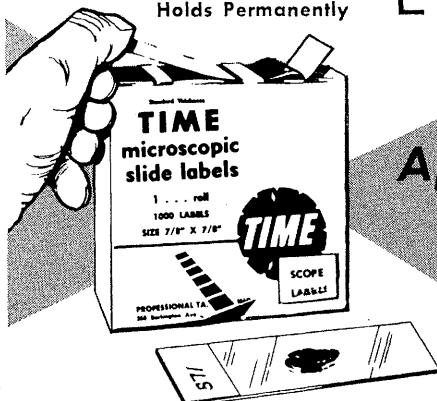
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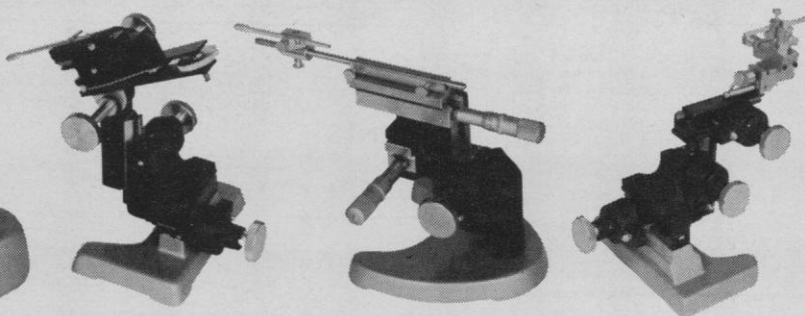
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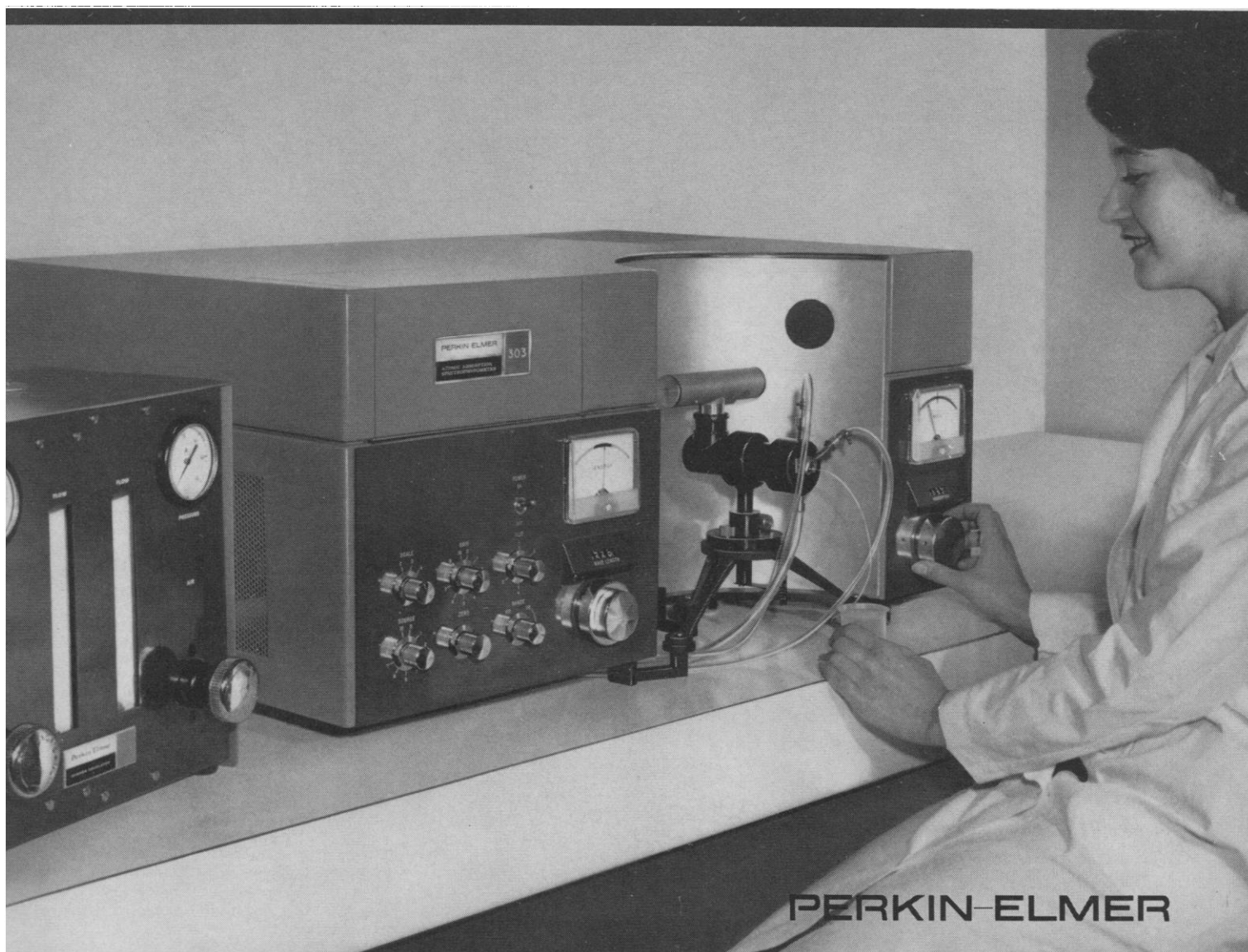
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