

subject a kind of emotional or anthropocentric intolerance which looks with scorn upon the possibility of learning in lower organisms—as if the very thought of it were beneath the level of scientific thinking. Happily, there is no evidence of such a bias in the article by Katz and Deterline (2).

Those who maintain that learning in paramecia or in other Protozoa has *not* been demonstrated should acquaint themselves with the literature on the subject and should not close the door upon such a possibility. Some of this literature was cited in my original note (1). Those who adopt the more liberal attitude and hold that the available data *do* demonstrate learning should still realize that there is room for a negative position. Let not emotional bias for either view disturb a fair and intelligent appraisal of the evidence.

We need much more evidence before either position can be swept aside.

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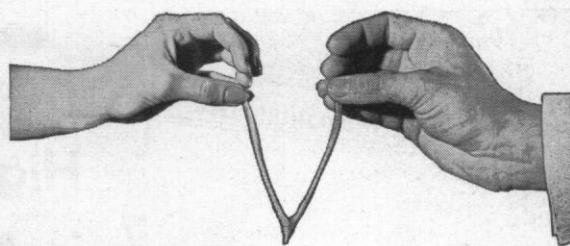
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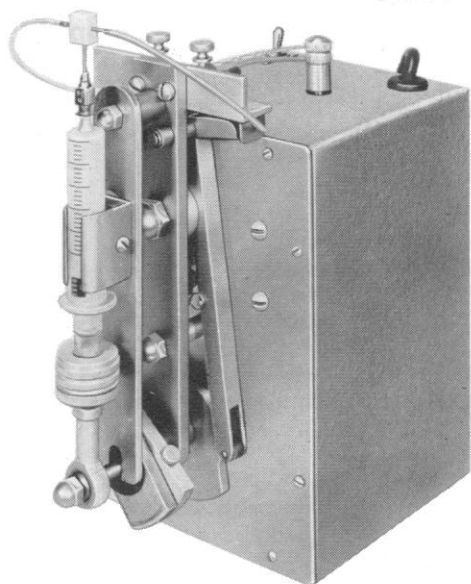


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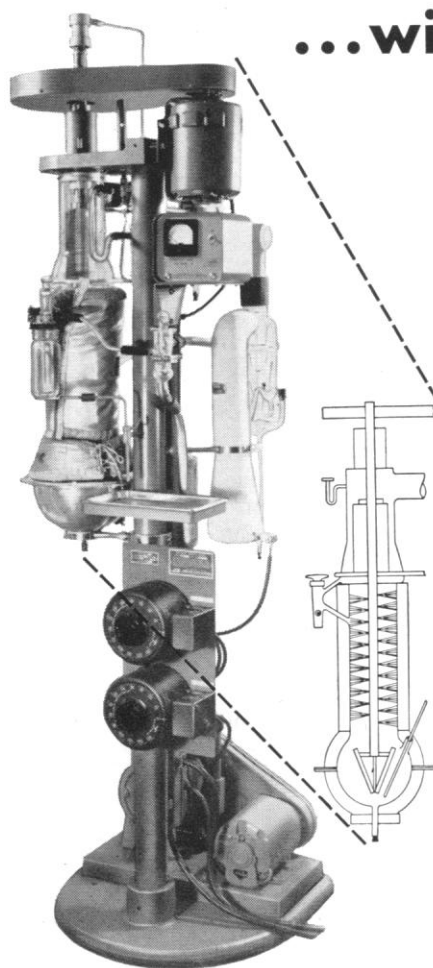
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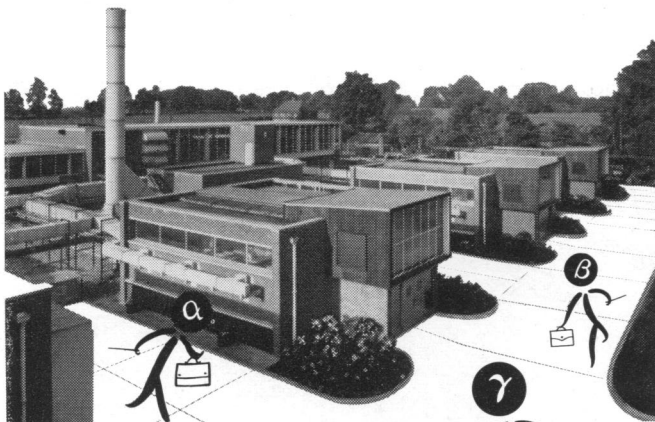
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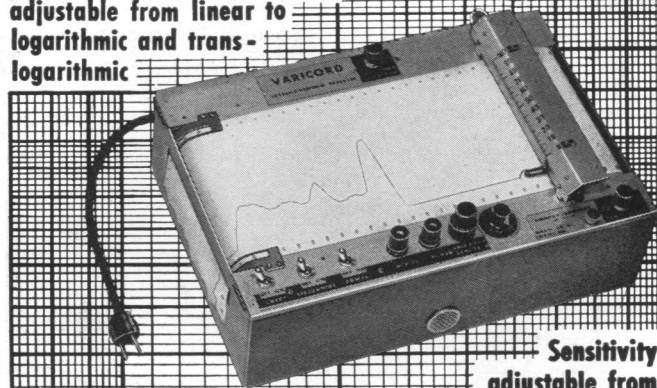


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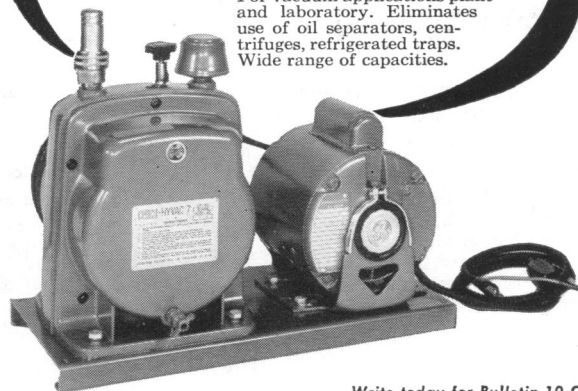
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