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By Richard M. Pearl

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THE ELECTRON MICROSCOPE: Its Development, Present Performance and Future Possibilities—D. Gabor—*Chemical Publishing Co.*, 164 p., illus., \$4.75. A book by a British author intended for the guidance of those who use this microscope. Includes a note on the proton microscope.

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RADAR: What Radar Is and How It Works—Orrin E. Dunlap, Jr.—*Harper*, rev. ed., 268 p., illus., \$3.00. A popularly written account by a vice-president of RCA.

TEXTBOOK OF CHEMISTRY—Albert L. Elder, Ewing C. Scott and Frank A. Kanda—*Harper*, rev. ed., 758 p., illus., \$4.50. Intended for those students who intend to become scientists.

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Science News Letter, June 12, 1948

PHYSICS

New Clue to Cosmic Rays May Solve Many Mysteries

► DISCOVERY that primary cosmic rays consist of less than four percent electrons may be an important new clue toward solving several of the mysteries of these powerful rays which bombard the earth from outer space.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology scientists reported the discovery in experiments which included ray-counting flights in a B-29 airplane.

Major component of cosmic radiation is now believed to be protons, the hearts of hydrogen atoms.

The new findings may help explain not only the composition of cosmic rays but also where they come from.

Dr. Bruno Rossi and Robert I. Hulsizer, Jr., conducted the research which was supported in part by the Office of Naval Research.

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