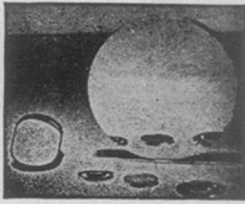


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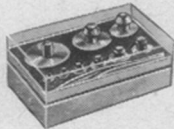
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ASTRONOMY HANDBOOK—Leon A. Hausman—*Fawcett*, 144 p., illus., paper, 75 cents. A how-to-do-it book for the beginning star-gazer.

THE CHEMISTRY OF THE COORDINATION COMPOUNDS—John C. Bailar, Jr., Ed., and Daryle H. Busch, Ed. Asst.—*Reinhold*, 834 p., \$18.50. Werner's coordination theory might be said, the author points out, to underlie our modern concepts of molecular structure.

THE CONDENSED CHEMICAL DICTIONARY: A Reference Volume for All Requiring Quick Access to Essential Data Regarding Chemicals and Other Substances Used in Manufacturing and Research, and to Terms in General Use in Chemistry and the Process Industries—Francis M. Turner, completely revised and enlarged by Arthur and Elizabeth Rose—*Reinhold*, 5th ed., 1200 p., \$12.50. Containing over 30,000 entries.

DEFECTS IN CRYSTALLINE SOLIDS: Report of the Conference Held at the H. H. Wills Physical Laboratory, University of Bristol, July 1954—N. Bloembergen and others—*The Physical Society*, 429 p., illus., paper, \$6.00. Describing defects, especially dislocations and point defects, and new experimental methods of investigating their properties.

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EXPLORING THE DEEP PACIFIC—Helen Raitt, introduction by Roger Revelle—*Norton*, 272 p.,

illus., \$3.75. An unofficial account, which has the flavor of an adventure story, of an oceanographic expedition in the South Pacific.

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HANDBOOK OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS 1956—*The Physical Society*, 257 p., illus., paper, \$1.00. This list of apparatus was published in connection with the 40th Physical Society Exhibition held in London, May 14-17.

HOW TO MAKE AND USE A TELESCOPE—H. Percy Wilkins and Patrick Moore—*Norton*, 196 p., illus., \$2.95. An authoritative how-to-do-it book for amateur astronomers.

INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOSOMATIC DENTISTRY—John H. Manhold, Jr.—*Appleton-Century-Crofts*, 193 p., \$5.00. The author presents evidence for his view that dental decay, although apparently so objective, is nevertheless linked with personality makeup.

THE INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF PHYSICS AND ELECTRONICS—Walter C. Michels and others, Eds.—Van Nostrand, 1004 p., illus., \$20.00. Prepared by an international group of scientists and educators, the dictionary is nevertheless in English only.

JOINT SPACING IN CONCRETE PAVEMENTS: 10-Year Reports on Six Experimental Projects—Earl C. Sutherland and others—*Highway Research Board*, Research Report 17-B, 159 p., illus., paper, \$2.70. Today practically every state has eliminated expansion joints in non-reinforced concrete pavements except at structures and other special locations.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES—John C. Honey and others—*Govt. Printing Office*, 349 p., illus., \$1.75. (See p. 184).

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THE PHYSICS OF THE IONOSPHERE: Report of the Physical Society Conference Held at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, Sept., 1954—A. H. Waynick and others—*The Physical Society*, 406 p., illus., paper, \$6.00.

PROCESS CHEMISTRY—F. R. Bruce, J. M. Fletcher, H. H. Hyman and J. J. Katz, Eds.—*McGraw-Hill*, *Progress in Nuclear Energy, Series III*, 407 p., illus., \$12.00. Reference material for those actively engaged in the chemical aspects of atomic energy.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE—Edith R. Meggers—*Govt. Printing Office*, National Bureau of Standards Building Materials and Structures Report 140, 2d ed., 40 p., paper, 30 cents.

THE STORY OF CAVES—Dorothy Sterling—*Doubleday*, 121 p., illus. with drawings by Winifred Lubell, \$3.00. Telling how caves are formed, what to see in them, the kinds of life they shelter, and archaeological evidences of prehistoric peoples to be found there.

THEIR MOTHERS' DAUGHTERS—Edward A. Strecker and Vincent T. Lathbury—*Lippincott*, 256 p., \$3.75. The author of "Their Mothers' Sons" here writes of daughters who may also be kept tied to mom's apron strings.

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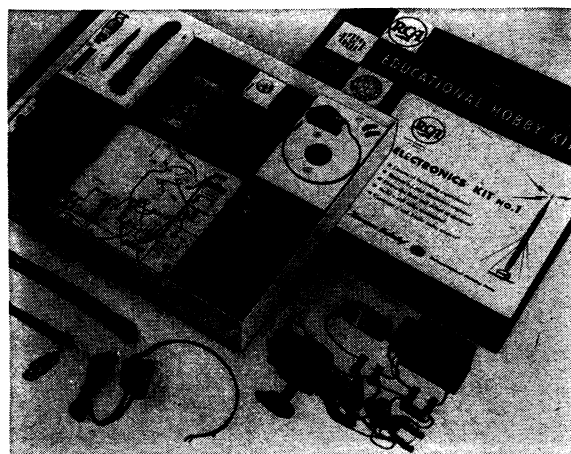
Barbiturate sleeping drugs depress the fish, but they will fight when goaded. Morphine and aspirin excite them slightly and, under the influence of these two, the fish are very aggressive and fight.

The Siamese fighting fish studies, which suggest that these aquatic animals might be good guinea pigs for testing various drugs that affect the nervous system, are reported by Drs. E. J. Walaszek and L. G. Abood of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, in *Science* (Sept. 7).

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