New Ideas and Gadgets

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Ultrasonic Cleaner



This compact table-top ultrasonic unit for laboratories operates at a frequency of 22 kilocycles per second and is suitable for routine cleaning as well as for degassing solutions, decontamination of slides or nuclear glassware. Convenient and simple to use, and provided with an automatic shut-off to prevent overheating, the cleaner is self-tuning for solvent level, temperature and nature of the object being cleaned.

Bockman Instruments, Inc., 2500 Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. 92634

Propaganda Game

This game centers around the methods used to mold public opinion such as quotations out of context, faulty analogy and bandwagon appeal. Players learn how to analyze written material, political speeches and advertisements as well as evaluate propaganda techniques.

WFF 'N PROOF, P.O. Box 71, New Haveri, Conn. 06501

Magnetic Retriever

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Handymen, mechanics, fishermen and skin divers will find this magnetic snake-like retriever useful for reaching small metal items in inaccessible places. The device consists of a 32-inch flexible steel spring encased in a plastic sleeve with a permanent magnet held securely on a nonstatic brass head. By tying a cord to the ring at the top, its reach can be extended.

Twachtman & Co., Dept. 194, P.O. Box 474, Independence, Mo. 64051

Study Board

Made of wood and metal, this book holder adjusts instantly to any position desired for reading. The 11-by-6-inch unit which helps eliminate glare is suitable in both home and office and can be easily carried from place to places. In workshops it can be used to hold an instruction manual.

M. Helmer, Box 550, Dept. SL, Redwood City, Calif. 94064

Golf Swing Improver

This wrist trainer for golfers keeps the left wrist stiff and helps control the swing by keeping the club in the proper place and allowing high follow-through. It also helps improve putting and prevents slicing and hooking by developing the proper forearm roll, its makers say.

Pro-Firm, P.O. Box 74665, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004

'Piggyback' Tank

Useful for providing buffer or accumulator action for operating small pneutmatic tools such as air staplers, hammers, riveters and caulking guns, this handy tank attaches to 75 or 175 pounds per square inch motor compressors.

ITT Bell & Gossett, 8200 N. Austin Ave., Morton Grove, III. 60053

Filter Kit

Concentration and identification of malignant cells, cultivation of bacteria or isolation of tubercle bacilli can be readily accomplished with this membrane filter kit. To use, two 5-milliliter vials, one containing the fluid specimen, are connected with a filter in between and centrifuged. The filtered material may be stained or cultured directly on the membrane.

Colab Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 66, Chicago Heights, III. 60411

Gear Tester

Surface hardness of gear teeth can be readily checked in automobiles, aircraft, tools and other metal parts with this ultrasonic probe that can be brought directly to the critical area. The probe penetrates the gear tooth surface only microscopically, but can detect the smallest difference in penetration. Any change is read out as a relative hardness indication on its meter.

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