

ideas OF THE WEEK

An editorial service to readers; more information on items can be secured from the manufacturers.

Mushroom growing kit

The growth and reproduction of mushrooms can be observed in the school laboratory with this kit, which includes a growing chamber, mushroom spawn in compost, and top soil. The unit's transparent cover is constructed like a miniature hot house and has openings for ventilation. One kit serves 10 students.

Price \$9.95
Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Inc.
P.O. Box 1712
Rochester, N.Y. 14603

Soft steel

Extremely soft, this steel possesses mechanical properties similar to soft copper. Bent or formed with minimum pressure, the product may be used in place of copper or lead. Applications include automobiles, sporting goods, gaskets and buck shot as well as decorative uses. Available for evaluation purposes, it comes in various thicknesses and widths.

Price not yet determined
Armco Steel Corporation
Middletown, Ohio

Milk tablets

Consisting mainly of non-fat pure milk, these dehydrated milk tablets, 5/8 inches in diameter by 1/4 inch thick, can be chewed like candy. Flavored with a little sugar, the tablets serve as a high protein source and are especially helpful as a diet supplement for the elderly or for children who dislike the taste of liquid milk. They require no refrigeration.

Price \$5.75/100
Lacnutrients, Inc.
P.O. Box 606
Westfield, N.J. 07090

Metallurgists' slide rule

Useful to metallurgists investigating binary alloys and compounds, this slide rule quickly and accurately converts weight percent to atomic percent and vice versa. The circular rule has inner and outer scales and 2 movable arms. Construction instructions are available to either individuals or firms.

No charge
Research Director
Albany Metallurgy Research Center,
Bureau of Mines
Box 70
Albany, Oregon 97321

Survival tool

About the size and thickness of a credit card, this survival tool for campers, hikers, and other sportsmen, can cut, chisel, and open cans and bottles as well as serve as a screwdriver, compass, mirror or fish lure. Easily carried in the wallet, this convenient tool has many other uses including signaling airplanes in an emergency.

Price \$5.95
Walle-Hawk
P.O. Box 1024
Burlington, Vt. 05401

Compressed gases

Nineteen gases, including nitrogen, oxygen, ammonia, chlorine and carbon dioxide, are available in rugged, compact spheres. Suitable for school laboratories as well as small industrial,

clinical and research facilities, each sphere is six inches in diameter and sits on a stable base. The containers are color-coded for quick identification. A hand-operated knob releases the gas.

Price: \$20 to \$28 depending on gas
Fisher Scientific Company
414 Fisher Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

Chemical bonding models

Single, double and triple molecular bonding can be modeled in three dimensions with this set. Single bonding is demonstrated by two tetrahedrons joined by a rotatable connector; the double-bond model includes pi and sigma bonds and the triple-bond model uses two octahedrons. A metal stand is included for each model.

Price: \$24.95
Dyna-Slide Co.
1566 Sherman Ave.
Evanston, Ill. 60201

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INVENTOR'S NEWSLETTER. Monthly facts and analysis from Washington. \$8.50 a yr. Inventor's Press, 9517 St. Charles Place, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

DEBATE THE ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE—pros and cons on the deployment of the ABM; 11 articles prepared by military and political experts. Pp. 169. Paper, \$1.50; Hardbound, \$5. Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 5201 Kimbark, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

CAMPS

SCIENCE EXPLORING FOR BOYS ages 12-16 at SPRUCE MOUNTAIN CAMP, Bryant Pond, Maine. Field and mountain trips, ham radio, photography, plants, animals, astronomy, weather, geology, ecology. Exciting program and outstanding staff. Catalog: William T. Hart, Director, 12 Highland St., West Medway, Mass. 02053.

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TRAVEL

CHARTER FLIGHT HANDBOOK. 1100 Organizations Named. Europe \$165. Also other destinations. Particulars Free. Travel Information Bureau, Box 105-SN, Kings Park, New York 11754.

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