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## HIGH-FIDELITY MUSIC-APPRECIATION RECORDS

#### TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND MUSIC BETTER AND ENJOY IT MORE





#### A NEW IDEA OF THE BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB

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Norman Del Mar, Conductor Analysis by Thomas Scherman

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### Kodak reports to laboratories on:

identifying very meagre samples...a great day for photography

#### Infrared beam squeezer



The lens you see here is not glass but silver chloride, which is transparent all the way out beyond  $17\mu$ in the infrared. The speck it magnifies is typical of specks for which we run infrared absorption spectra in the course of solving our daily little problems. We use such lenses not as magnifiers but to constrict one of the beams in a double-beam infrared spectrophotometer so that all its flux can be put through a 0.75mm x 3.5mm aperture. This permits the use of a very small sample. Then a second such AgCl lens collimates the beam again.

The samples, frequently weighing 50 micrograms or less, are handled by grinding the material to be examined with a little potassium bromide and compressing to a narrow strip. Nothing is dissolved in the process, and there is less chance for reactions and extra absorption that might mask the few micrograms of organic material we seek to identify. KBr puts no dips of its own into the chart.

This procedure is much less expensive than working out reflecting microscope optics and hitching them to a spectrophotometer. We got into it in identifying spots on film that our testing department won't let us sell. It might interest others who have only very meagre samples to work with, like those who study blood and other life juices.

Since most infrared spectroscopists aren't as lucky as we in having a great optical factory in the immediate family, we thought it would be a friendly deed if we made up a stock of silver chloride lenses for anybody who wants to try out this wrinkle of ours.

The price is \$102 for a set of Kodak Infrared Microsample Optics, consisting of an unmounted pair of plano-convex AgCl lenses of 24mm diameter and 22mm focal length, coated with a black Ag<sub>2</sub>S smoke that cuts out radiation below 14, plus a similar plane-parallel plate for the reference beam. The deal is with Eastman Kodak Company, Special Products Sales Division, Rochester 4, N. Y. We'll throw in a set of mounting drawings or give you the name of an infrared equipment manufacturer who supplies the whole assembly ready to slip into his spectrophotometer. We can also supply reprints of our papers on the method.

#### Faster, faster



Where this man sits and writes pamphlets about photography 15 footcandles hit his face. That's just within the lower limit of illumination recommended for office work. Nobody, of course, snapshoots at that low a level. But good gracious, this picture was made with a \$6.95 camera (our esteemed *Brownie Hawkeye*), unassisted by any additional light source, at its one and only setting of f/15, 1/40th of a second! Imagine what an adjustable camera would have done under the circumstances.

How in the world, etc.? The catch is that our Brownie was loaded with a new kind of film, *Kodak Tri-X Film*. Not really a catch, for you, too, can now buy it at any film counter. Such husbandry of pho-

tons! Currently available in No. 620, No. 120, No. 135-36 exposure rolls, and No. 523 film packs. No sacrifice of graininess. Exposure index nominally 200 but not too meaningful because latitude is of a type the definition-framers hadn't anticipated. This is quite an announcement.

We also have a companion announcement about color. A new 35mm color film with approximately thrice the speed of Kodachrome Film has just gone on the market. To process it to full-color transparencies calls for no major capital appropriation and no chemical engineering talent but merely for a Kodak Ektachrome Processing Kit, Process E-2, priced at \$1.80. (It's really operable at the home darkroom level, but if you'd rather not bother, your Kodak dealer can handle it for you for processing by processors equipped to do the work.) This new film we identify as Kodak Ektachrome 135 Film (for 35mm miniature cameras, 20 exposures for \$1.85) and Kodak Ektachrome 828 Film (for cameras like the Kodak Pony and Bantam, 8 exposures for \$1). Photographic characteristics have been changed substantially from the sheet and roll film Kodak Ektachrome because the new film is intended to be viewed at large magnifications, as in projection, and the other isn't.

In sum:

- 1) The scope and even the style of black-and-white photography have been vastly extended by dispensing with the need for added light in many situations and in others permitting flash or flood lamp to bite far deeper into the gloom than ever before.
- 2) Color photography by 35mm camera can now be done in much less light than before, with results ready for inspection 65 minutes after the last shutter click.

It's a great day for photography.

Prices include Federal Tax where applicable and are subject to change without notice.

This is one of a series of reports on the many products and services with which the Eastman Kodak Company and its divisions are . . . serving laboratories everywhere

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