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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS In accordance with our Articles of Organization and Procedure, nominations must be sent all voting delegates not less than 30 days prior to that date in November on which ballots are forwarded to them. This is now your notice. Your nominating committee, Wm. D. Appel, Chairman, Woldemar Weyl and R. C. Gibbs, have submitted the following ballot for Officers and Counsellors for 1942-43:

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Additional nominations may be made at the request of 10 accredited delegates, individual members and/or sustaining members, providing nominations are forwarded to the Secretary within 20 days after publication of this notice.

SEND FOR YOUR COPY OF ASTM-ISCC SYMPOSIUM Enclosed with the present News Letter readers will find a vivid purplish red sheet which may be used as an order blank for reports of the color symposium presented at the Spring meeting of the ASTM. These reports are published by the ASTM in a booklet of 86 pages. Council delegates and members may purchase them at the price to ASTM members: \$1.00 bound in cloth, 75 cents bound in paper (non-members, 25 cents additional). This is the first time that reports of a joint symposium have not been made available without cost to our members, but since the ASTM made them available to ASTM members only by purchase, we could do no differently. Most of you will wish to have a copy of these reports, and we urge you therefore to send your order promptly to the American Society for Testing Materials, 260 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Mention your connection with the Inter-Society Color Council if you wish copies at the price quoted.

ISCC-NBS COLOR NAMES In the recent September issue of the Journal of the Optical Society of America, there is a paper by Nickerson and Newhall which gives in Munsell terms the central notations for the ISCC-NBS color names. Because this report so closely concerns the Council work on this problem (being based on a Council committee report) the authors have made arrangements to supply the Council with enough copies so that each delegate and member may receive one. It will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

- NEW YORK COLOR ASSOCIATES FORMED** Early this summer, a number of those in New York who have been attending the meetings of the Individual Member Group of the Council met to discuss future plans. They decided that the group should continue as an independent local group; and those present, in addition to support and advice, pledged financial assistance to cover the necessary expenses. The group name is New York Color Associates. Anyone desiring to receive announcements of the meetings should address Walter C. Granville, 432 West 45th Street, New York City. No formal organization is contemplated; the existence, the spark and the vitality of the group will depend on those who come to its meetings. The first meeting will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 6, 1941, when Dr. Katherine B. Blodgett will talk on Interference Films. Other meetings will be held on the Thursday evenings of January 15, March 19 and May 14, 1942, when it will be the pleasure of the group to hear lectures by other prominent speakers.
- ANNUAL MEETINGS** The I. E. S. meets September 23-25, Atlanta, Georgia; The S. M. P. E. meets October 20-23, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City; The O. S. A. meets October 24-25, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City.
- CONFERENCE ON PROTECTIVE AND BLACKOUT LIGHTING** In June during the Convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Toronto, Canada, a conference was held on Protective and Blackout Lighting. The subjects for discussion at this conference were: "Protective Lighting Practice in the United States," by H. E. Mahan, General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.; "Protective Flood-lighting Equipment," by Hoyt P. Steele, Benjamin Electric Mfg. Company, Des Plaines, Ill.; "Lighting in the Blackout of Combat Areas," by F. T. Groome, Holophane Company, Inc., Toronto; "Comparative Advantages and Economics of Various Systems of Distribution for Protective Floodlighting," by J. A. Summers, General Electric Company, Nela Park, Cleveland; "The Role Protective Lighting Plays in Combating Sabotage," by E. P. Coffey, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.
- LIGHTING SECRETS OF "FANTASIA"** In Illuminating Engineering, June 1941, there is a brief note regarding the lighting secrets of "Fantasia." The beautiful effects which Disney obtained in his recent productions were described by William A. Garrity, chief engineer of Walt Disney Productions, at the Southern California Section of the I. E. S. held on April 22 in the Walt Disney Studios at Burbank, Cal. At this meeting the section presented Mr. Disney with a citation earned for the light effects achieved in the Nutcracker Suite of Fantasia.
- COLOR EXHIBIT AT STAMP COLLECTORS' MEETING** On August 20 the Baltimore Sun carried a story on Changing Color of Stamps, with a picture of William H. Beck standing before the very considerable color exhibit which he had arranged for the convention of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Beck, an individual Council member well known to many of us, has combined two hobbies, that of stamp collecting and experimenting with color, to try to show philatelists that they need an absolute standard for describing colors. The display prepared by him was arranged on an educational basis and consisted to a considerable extent of exhibits borrowed from several laboratories whose members are associated with the Inter-Society Color Council. The exhibit was well planned; it filled a good-sized display room just off the main ballroom where the more usual stamp exhibits of the society were on display.

- COLOR AND ITS OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT At the Midwestern Regional Conference of the I. E. S. held at Davenport, Iowa, in May, Professor John O. Kraehenbuehl, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois, presented a paper on "Color and its Objective Measurement."
- BIBLIOGRAPHY ON CAMOUFLAGE It has come to our attention that a list of references on camouflage, a subject now of interest to many, has been published by the Library of Congress Division of Bibliography. It was compiled by Grace H. Fuller, was dated November 13, 1940, and contains 158 references.
- TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF KODACHROME EXPOSURE Dudley Haskell has discussed the problems indicated by this title in the November and December, 1940, issues of Camera Craft. He begins by pointing out some of the difficulties that arise when one attempts to determine the exposure time required to obtain a correct rendition of all of the colors and brightnesses in a variegated scene. The ordinary exposure meter responds with the average brightness of the scene and the interpretation dials assume a "medium" reflectance of 12 percent. Consequently bright colors in dark surroundings are overexposed and dark colors in light surroundings are underexposed. Previous methods of correcting these errors are discussed. The author studied the effects of normal, over and under exposure by means of charts of the 10 principal hues from the Munsell Book of Color. The following data were recorded on the selected colors: (1) The reflection of each color sample under measured and uniform light by means of an accurate photoelectric photometer; (2) the relative reflection through red, green and blue filters, from which "color coefficients" were calculated; (3) the transmission on normally exposed Kodachrome for each of the 253 standard colors. Also the same for one stop overexposure, two stops over and one and two stops under; (4) relative transmission through red, green and blue filters, from which "color coefficients" were calculated.
- In a series of figures, tables and charts the author shows the relative effects of over, normal and under exposure in terms of percent transmissions of the transparencies compared with the original percent reflection of the samples. Table IV is of particular interest because it presents the relation of the transparencies of 60 Munsell colors obtained with normal exposure, overexposure and underexposure, to the reflectances of the original samples in "trichromatic coefficients." Unfortunately, these coefficients refer to a particular set of filters designated only by the manufacturer's numbers. There is no method given by which one can make a comparison of them to the standard ICI system. The author's data would be more useful if he had converted them to the ICI trichromatic coefficients or to the Judd uniform chromaticity scales. The author also estimates by appearance the relative accuracy of rendition of the hue, value and chroma of the same 10 hues. Tables are given which show the amount of "reflection foot candles" from the various color surfaces that is necessary to produce "normal" rendition.
- FATIGUE OF TRUCK DRIVERS There has been brought to our attention Public Health Bulletin No. 265, "Fatigue and Hours of Service of Interstate Truck Drivers," prepared by a staff of experts of the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the National Institute of Health, Washington, D.C., xxiii plus 286 pages. Following a 6-page foreword and 11-page résumé, there are 5 general sections

(introduction, the field study, results of tests, the coefficient of scoring, and discussion and conclusions), 7 special sections (medical findings, psycho-motor reactions, driving and glare tests, critical fusion frequency of flicker, eye movements and related phenomena, leucocyte counts, and blood chemistry) and 2 statistical appendices. 889 truck drivers engaged in interstate commerce were examined in a total of 1200 sessions at field stations set up in 3 cities. Each was given a medical examination and as many as possible of 22 special physiological and psychological tests. The drivers as a group were in good health; but the incidence of poor eyesight, blood-shot eyes, and certain non-visual conditions was higher than usual for healthy men of the same age group. Average efficiency fell off with increase in time of driving before test as judged by 7 functions, including 4 simple performance tests and ability to distinguish flicker. Men who had driven at all performed less efficiently than those who had not driven, as judged by aiming, resistance to glare and speed of eye-movement tests; white blood cell count was also higher for the former. No trends with hours of driving were found in the estimation of size of known objects, in the visual acuity, or in certain physiological functions. A method of scoring, designed to give a composite measure of general psycho-physiological efficiency, showed that there was progressive decrease in general and functional efficiency with increasing hours of time after last sleep before driving. This interesting bulletin was prepared for the U. S. Public Health Service and may be bought for 40 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

COMPARASCOPE

FOR COLOR

MATCHING

The Editor recently had an opportunity to see the "Comparascope," an instrument for color matching sold by the Graphic Arts Research Corp., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. The instrument is essentially a 10-inch-diameter integrating sphere of aluminum, painted white inside and finished in black crackle lacquer outside. Illumination is with two Mazda lamps projecting into the lower hemisphere near the sample stage. Viewing is at 10° to normal, through a lensless tube at a distance of 12" from the viewing (sample) stage. This is a divided horizontal 3"-diameter circle, held by spring action against a $2\frac{1}{4}$ " aperture in the bottom of the sphere. Samples up to one inch in thickness can be accommodated. The sphere is demountable and made in two parts. Specular reflection control is obtained by means of two readily interchangeable caps, forming part of the sphere wall, one with the same white lining as the rest of the sphere inner surface, the other black lined. A 7-aperture revolving filter disc permits interposition of red, green, blue, two 7500°K. and two 2360°K. color-temperature filters for modifying the illumination. The reason for two of each sort is to obtain higher (unit) and lower (half) intensities. We understand that the assortment of filters has been recently changed by eliminating the use of two intensities, and leaving one aperture without filter; and that Wratten filters have been replaced by Corning glasses. A momentary switch is provided for convenience in operation and for longer lamp life. The price quoted on the literature we received was \$105. This includes carrying case, filters, special ring separator to be placed on top of wet samples, cupped containers for holding pigments, powders, cereals, etc., spring clip for holding the color standard in place when the sphere is demounted, the above-described specular-reflection control caps, and an extra set of two lamps. The name is accurately descriptive, for no scales are provided; but for qualitative comparison of various types of samples with standards, the instrument recommends itself for its simple and adaptable construction. It provides standardized viewing and illuminating conditions, and is light and portable. It is useful for examining satins and crepes, flat-pigment and gloss enameled surfaces, swatches, tiles, rub-outs of wet paints and dry chips; and the sphere can be removed from its mount and used against walls and other immovable structural objects.

THE DU PONT

COLOR

SELECTOR

There has come to our attention recently the Du Pont "Color Selector", a useful device for the selection of combinations and arrangements of colors for the interiors and exteriors of houses. For years homeowners, painters, decorators and architects have been handicapped by having to visualize colors for homes from small color chips. The Selector is designed to remedy this difficulty by the use of 9" x 12" hand-painted sheets. The Color Selector is divided into four parts. In the front pocket are 16 full-color pictures of rooms and houses with the wall areas transparent. These are designed to lay over a chosen color-sheet to see how the selected room or house will look when painted in the color of the selected sheet. The transparent overlays illustrate 3 living rooms, 2 dining rooms, 2 bedrooms, 3 kitchens, 2 bathrooms and 4 different house exteriors, an assortment permitting a wide variety of choices. There are 100 sheets painted with interior colors in 17 groups. The groups are: Off-white, ivory, cream, buff-tan, yellow, pink, yellow-green, green, blue-green, pastel blue, blue, light gray, gray, coral-orchid, colonial colors and regency colors; and three sheets of the same color except for differing by being glossy, semi-gloss and flat. The exterior colors are exhibited in two groups; 20 body colors and 17 trim colors. There is also a special shutter overlay which can be placed over any of the 17 trim-color sheets to see how the shutters will look on a white or buff-colored house. With the Selector, anyone can select a beautiful color for an interior from one of 1200 combinations (12 interior overlays x 100 color sheets). Obviously the user can give rein to his imagination by suggesting slight departures from the combinations shown.

1360 exterior pictures can be presented (340 combinations on 4 different houses). The method is to select a trim-color sheet from a spiral-bound group and place it beneath a chosen body-color sheet. Then the overlay most closely resembling the user's own house is placed over this group of two sheets. Besides these main features, there are a few pages giving "Some Facts about Color" and discussing "Paint Styling." In the latter section pictures of seven houses are shown in full color; these are a large cottage, a small cottage; French provincial; English half-timbered; Spanish, Italian or Mediterranean; Modern and Colonial houses. Color suggestions are given in each case for the roof, body, trim, sash, shutters and doors; and these are elaborated in 15 sections in the text. On the back of the exterior color sheets there are various suggestions for trim colors to employ as an alternative to the use of the given for both body and trim. Finally, there is included in a pocket a 60-page booklet on "How to use the Color Selector." Besides directions, this booklet lists the information the painter needs to produce the 100 interior colors in flat, semi-gloss or gloss finishes. The purposes and advantages of such an assembly may be summarized as follows: The customer is helped to choose colors more intelligently, to see in advance how the colors selected will go with his furnishings, and to learn in advance how the colors appear together in daylight and in artificial light (by viewing in these lights); while the dealer or painter is enabled to have better satisfied customers, save time and money usually wasted while the customer makes up his mind about color combinations, and make more sales. The Color Selector, issued by the Fabrics and Finishes Department of E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co., is a beautifully bound, loose-leaf book of hand-painted sheets.

THE PRACTICAL

ART OF COLOR

MATCHING

This is the title of a comprehensive set of articles by William H. Peacock appearing in Rayon Textile Monthly 21, 627-31, 699-704, 760-2; 22, 36-9, 102-3 (Oct. 1940 to Feb. 1941). This series covers a variety of subjects from "mass-tone" and "bronze" to "the judging mood," and from photochemical action to eye fatigue and color memory. There are a number of figures, including an

elaborate red-yellow-blue "color-blending chart," eight tables, several spectrophotometric curves and 51 bibliographical references. The introduction states that the series is intended to help inventors, process engineers, research chemists, and students in textile and general technological schools to do their own color (dye) work. Part I deals with the "color properties of dye blends," being concerned mainly with the development of a "simple color chart," which is said to "roughly indicate the relationship of all possible colors to three primary hues...." Part II deals with the factors influencing the judging of color effects; and the 34 of these which are discussed are grouped under 22 headings. After these sections are appended three more entitled "Nomenclature," "The Judging Mood" and "The Essentials of the Art." Here we find: ".... the majority of professional colorists.... describe color with the three terms of 'shade' (as they persist in calling hue), 'tinctorial strength' and 'brightness,' and these adequately describe a color with reference to a standard." Apparently, the author does not like the replacement of the psychologist's term "hue" by "shade," though he has no qualms when he calls his three fundamental dyes (physical materials) the "three primary hues"; and he regards the colorists' usage as adequate, though they combine a physical or psycho-physical concept (strength) with two psychological ones, (shade and brightness) confusing the categories and obtaining a hybrid result. That the author is himself not free from this confusion the reviewer suspected slightly when he found the incorrect reference: "Psychophysics of Color-- by Laughlin & Godlove" instead of "Psychology of Color-- by Godlove & Laughlin," in the section on color memory. On reading Mr. Peacock's section, the reviewer was chagrined at his own apparent failure to make clear the interesting phenomena of color constancy even with the aid of Dr. Laughlin's excellent demonstrations. The suspicion was confirmed by: "Experience has shown also that if a colorist looks too long at dyeings closely similar in hue, he will find himself less and less able to perceive minute color differences between them." In the reviewer's experience, this is the opposite of the truth, an experience confirmed by Dr. Deane B. Judd, who has done much experimental work in this field. Some further confusion is found in the paragraph of the nomenclature section beginning: "Some other colorists regard grays as distinct among hues" Here the ISCC-NBS system of color names is recommended; but one of the three references is incorrect. It should be put later, where the number of colors discernible by trained colorists is the estimate of Archibald (1940), obtained on somewhat dubious grounds, rather than the estimate of Judd.

On the other hand, one finds some evidences that Peacock is an observing worker. One can agree with his remark (Sect. 4) that "lack of intensity is still one of the chief defects of the modern standardized light sources for visual color matching"; with his suggestion (Sect. 5) that more light energy be used for such materials as gloss lacquers, all black plastics and most cylindrical gloss black fabrics, leather and paper, by examining them in the direct rays of the sun, and his recommendation to the colorist to dress in neutral (unhued) clothing. In section 6, attention is correctly called to the difficulty of "trying to judge bright hues (colors) immediately after viewing a series of dark colors, or vice versa." But we are surprised to find (Sect. 2) that reliable dyestuff producers prefer to use only sunlight; and (Sect. 3) that "Southern windows also should be available to permit the viewing of colors in direct sunlight on occasion." Of course if one is certain that the sample has a spectral character the same as that of the standard (the lot is "unshaded"), a source yellower than daylight may be used if greater intensity is necessary. We do not find it profitable to say: "The so-called colored shadows are.... illusionary phenomena"; to us such phenomena seem capable of understanding without invoking such knowledge-opacifiers as "illusions." Nor are we much enlightened by such discussions as "Illusions when two primary colors are viewed together" in the section (7) entitled "Sensations (perceptions would be better--Ed.) produced by viewing colors in juxtaposition."

The facts given in Table VII for 16 color pairs might be allowed with profit to speak for themselves. We find in the text, for example, that if a red and a blue are viewed together, the red will seem yellower and the blue greener. This effect is explained as if the red and blue "primaries" each have added to them some of the third ("other") primary. While this does describe the hue changes, it is a very incomplete description. Table VII is more complete, but again attempts description with a hybrid system, two psychological and one physical or psychophysical attributes. Our substitution of "third" for "other" three sentences back illustrates what is to us the author's ambiguity or error of statement. Other examples are: "infra-red and other short-wave radiation" (Sect. 14), "short-wave, heat-forming radiations" (Sect. 18), and the statement that "depth of hue, or the tinctorial strength and the numerous dichromatic changes are directly proportional to the thickness of the film deposited or solution used" (*italics ours*). Rood and Munsell used much better devices to explain simultaneous contrast; and Luckiesh is more successful in explaining dichroism. In the sections on dichroism and film thickness, the author might well have referred his readers to Ostwald's "Colour Science" or to Merwin (1917) for color changes with thickness of layer or particle size; and the section on "degree of dispersion" gives neither direct enlightenment nor these literature references. Incidentally, these closely related sections have serial numbers 9, 20 and 18, respectively, with such things as top-tone, fluorescence, pH, photolysis, and latent solubility sandwiched between; thus is illustrated lack of logical progression in the scheme of arrangement.

It is most regrettable that Peacock chose to perpetuate the Brewster-Chevreul red-yellow-blue-primary theory among the practical men he is trying to help. It is particularly unfortunate that he leads them from primary through secondary to "major tertiary" colors, implying such monstrosities as "minor tertiaries." The proportions for Blue Black are given as 31.25 red, 31.25 yellow and 37.50 blue, or 93.75 neutral black and 6.25 blue. We looked in vain for the careful definition of the three primary dyes and conditions for their mixing which might justify the implied precision of statement to hundredths of a percent. For there are reds and reds, and precision to tenths or even whole percents would require not only the statement of the name of the red and its manufacturer, but also the lot number, the barrel number and the position in the barrel if it has been opened much. The errors of the Brewster theory have been pointed out too long ago and too often (by Rood, 1879; Church, 1887; Munsell, 1905) to need repetition here. We ought not to go so far as the following statement on page 33 of "Ink Secrets for Pressmen" (Ruxton Div. of International Printing Ink Corp., 1928): "When you see an article that starts out that way (there are three primary colors, Red, Yellow and Blue; secondaries, Orange, Green and Purple) you may rest assured that whoever wrote it has never done any laboratory work with color and has gotten most of his or her inspiration from an old article in an encyclopaedia, as both of the above statements are absolutely incorrect, if we treat the red, yellow and blue as representing hues which are commonly applied to these colors." There we are told (p. 35) that the pigment primaries as applied to process printing are really red-purple (magenta), yellow and blue-green. The proponents of the red-yellow-blue theory are wont to say that red, green and blue-violet may be all right as primary lights for the physicist, but that colorists, being practical men, must use red, yellow and blue pigments. Are we now to assume that the latter must be used by dyers, while other primary pigments (made from dyes) must be used by practical printers? To believe this is to deny a great mass of very practical experience with the light transmission and reflection of dyes and pigments.

In section 15, on "conditioning" to avoid color changes with varying moisture content of dyeings, the author calls attention to an important source of error. In section 16, on "ageing" (change of color to a final stationary state), he gives some very

practical suggestions. In section 16, on chemical stability, attention is properly called to the complexities and difficulties which beset the dyer and do much to prevent his intricate art from becoming a science. Further difficulties are called to the reader's attention in sections 18 to 21, inclusive; and a useful warning and recommendation are given in section 22. We can agree with the author's remark, in the section on The Judging Mood, that "occasionally colored materials have been rejected when right, and accepted when wrong, solely for emotional reasons," at least if we set up tolerance limits to define "right" and "wrong." These sections and some of the others where not marred by errors of the sort we have pointed out, constitute a useful contribution to the literature of the art of dyeing.

COLOR IN PAINTING THROUGH THE AGES X.

End of Fourth Millenium. Protodynastic (Thinite) Egypt. An important relic of the period we have just been discussing (article IX) is the slate shield-shaped palette of King Narmer from the temple of Hierakonapolis, the old capital of Upper Egypt. The king is shown on one side wearing the White Crown of Upper Egypt, and on the other wearing the Red Crown of Lower Egypt. On the former side, the god Horus, incarnate as a hawk, brings captives before the king, who wields a pear-shaped stone mace and grasps the hair of a conquered enemy. This became the conventional representation in art of all victories. On the other side, the entwined necks of two animals form a circle. In this circular area no doubt was mixed the paint used to adorn the face of the divine statue of the god, the palette itself being a votive offering to commemorate a victory. During the time of the first two dynasties, the Egyptians cultivated grain and domesticated animals; they lived in brick houses; they mined and smelted copper and wove very fine linen; they developed extraordinary skill in fabricating small objects of stone; they had a beautiful pottery; they made ornaments of ivory, copper, gold and semi-precious stones; and they had begun to invent a system of writing.

There are few remains of painting from this period; but the reliefs tell us something of the drawing. For the Proto-dynastic Egyptian, there was no essential difference between painting and relief; both were often treated as outlines filled in with colors. In relief, the effect of modeling was often lost by using saturated colors, as strong red, for outlines, without regard for light and shade; thus it was a flat drawing raised above the background, which was cut away from the painted outline. The earliest reliefs represent animals, often in processions. In these and in the Narmer and other palettes, we may see that the later Egyptian art conventions were already in making: the composite "memory picture" of the human form, with the eye in front view in a profile face, the shoulders turned forward while the limbs are in profile by a curious twist of the waist-line; the division into registers, one above another. But there is also seen vivid action in running figures, advance in treatment of anatomy, and the power of imagination in the design of long-necked animals. As compared to the First Dynasty, however, there was some falling off in the Second Dynasty.

Early Minoan (Cretan) Civilization. The fusion of Asiatic and Egyptian elements onto the neolithic substratum of Crete has been mentioned. The forms of Early Minoan stone vases, the technique and esthetic elements in the use of variegated semi-precious stones, some religious customs, the wearing of amulets, Gerzean statuettes, the use of depilatory tweezers and stone unguent palettes, as well as multi-compartment paint-pots hollowed out of stone, were all Egyptian elements used on the great Cretan plain facing Africa. But the paint-pots were also used in Sumeria; and many other elements

were also Asiatic. The copper-smith cast axe-heads with a hole through them for hafting in the Sumerian manner. Artists treated rosettes and similar figures in the Asiatic, not the Egyptian style. The distinctive Minoan technique of glaze paint had been used by the Tell Halaf potters of North Syria. Engraved bead and button seals, not carved amulets, were used as in Syria and Iran. In religion, the famed cult of the Double Axe was foreshadowed by Tell Halaf amulets. Striking Minoan pot-forms, the pyxis with cylindrical neck and string-hole lid and the so-called "tea pot" with curious spout, had Asiatic parallels. But all these and the native elements were blended and welded to a remarkable European civilization which survived not only revolutions but a series of disastrous earthquakes.

Minoan culture is divided into three parts, called Early, Middle and Late; and each of these into divisions marked by Roman numerals. Early Minoan I includes from two to four centuries ending about 2750 B. C. Minoan pottery generally is extremely varied both in form and decoration. At the start of the Minoan, the old neolithic darkware pottery tradition continued, but was refined toward the production of a ware called "bucchero," which was decorated with incised or impressed patterns. Besides this gray to black ware, there was a fine buff or light brown ware, at first coated with a lustrous glaze paint or varnish to make the surface resemble the old self-colored burnished wares; and upon this patterns were drawn in white paint. Alternately, the glaze was used to produce the reverse effect of dark patterns on a light ground. The slip-paint technique culminated in the "Vasiliki ware" described in a later section.

Cycladic Cultures. Another bridge from Asia to Europe is formed by the Cyclades islands scattered across the Aegean Sea. They were not attractive to mesolithic food-gatherers or to peasant-farmers; but their copper, obsidian, marble and emery made them attractive to merchant mariners. They were eventually settled by colonists from western Anatolia; and their pottery is of the Anatolian plain-ware family. The only well-excavated site, on Melos, was that of three successive towns, all later than the period we are now considering. But we have some information from many tombs, where were found the products of smiths, jewelers, lapidaries and potters. The Early Cycladic I and II pottery was a dark or mud-colored clay ware, with incised designs usually in straight lines, as in triangles, or in running spirals. Pot forms included a curious "frying pan" shape and globular or cylindrical pyxides. An interesting specialty was a decorated bone tube designed to carry pigments. In the Cyclades, the Mother Goddess statuettes took the form of marble idols.

The Near East. At Ras Shamra in North Syria near the coast opposite the island of Cyprus, a region where later there were Semitic Canaanites (whose religious cult practices, sacrifices, heroes and proverbs the Hebrews took over), were found large buildings of unbaked brick, and polychrome painted pottery with geometric designs similar to the pottery of Jemdet Nasr, in Mesopotamia, already described. Rather similar ware, resembling that of Susa II, was found in the Second Copper Age layers at Nuzi in Iraq. The beautiful Susian ware has also been described. A hundred miles further north in Iraq, near Mosul, was Tepe Gawra, whose earlier layers with beautiful buildings and painted pottery have been described too. Of this Copper Age city, Professor E. A. Speiser of the University of Pennsylvania, said it "enjoyed something that was more precious (than wealth); its builders displayed faultless taste and an unerring sense of balance.... The glory of this age.... is the consummate mastery of architectural design." The township was built around four temples, each showing variations in design, but the whole in harmony with a preconceived plan, with spacious approaches and courtyards. The following generation failed to uphold this artistic standard; but still later there was a reaction for the better. In the temples, the

true arch was first used at least five centuries before its use in Sumer and at least 25 centuries before the Romans. Stamp seals for sealing property were popular; beads, the best of black translucent obsidian, were ubiquitous; but the best works of the artist were the intricately carved ivory plaques. Painted pottery was no longer in vogue; the ware was undecorated. Apparently there was now a new race at Gawra, and the period was one of migrations. During the transition to the Early Bronze Age, a new ware, including chalice types, appeared. Late in the period with which we have been dealing in this issue, Gawra had a time of great industrial activity and concentration of wealth, similar to that revealed in the Royal Tombs of Ur; but architecture was then "solid but unattractive" (Speiser). The streets were then narrow, the drainage system inadequate. Everything was of metal: knives, sickles, lance butts, spear heads, axes, bowls, frying pans, delicate vanity sets, anklets, bracelets, hair ornaments, pins and needles. The pottery was technically excellent, with the firmness and smoothness of polished stone, but painted decoration was uncommon. There were terra cotta figurines of animals, one of a horse, chariots and also the covered wagon, later familiar in Trans-Caucasia and our own West; and even very modern-looking dice. Toward the end (3000 B.C.) of the period we are here discussing, belongs a temple at Tell Brak in northern Syria called the "Temple of a Thousand Eyes" because of its alabaster white "eye idols." It bears similarities to shrines in Sumer, 800 miles away. Notable here was a magnificent frieze of three panels composed of outer bands of heavy gold foil encasing blue limestone, white marble and green corrugated shale. The panels were held to a wooden background with copper holdfasts, the gold borders with gold-headed and silver-stemmed nails. Around the panels were mosaics of clay cones painted in "bright colors" and surrounded by large stone rosettes with alternate petals of white marble and dark green shale and a central corolla of red limestone. The whole must have formed a colorful and beautiful ensemble. To this period too belongs the Early Copper Age site at Tell Duweir, identified as the Biblical Lachish, in Palestine. In a cave-dwelling settlement here the pottery was a characteristic red ware, which was at its best at first and showed progressive degeneration, the ledge-handles, for example, finally becoming, during the third millenium, mere vestigial traces. Degeneration of this sort in pottery forms is a very frequently encountered phenomenon. Here was found on a pottery fragment dating from a much later period, a very early form of the Phoenician-Hebrew script; and from the time of Nebuchadnezzar (600 B.C.), a series of letters in ink from a commander to the governor of Lachish, one dealing with smoke signals.

ART OF COLOR

Maitland Graves; The Art of Color and Design; McGraw-Hill Book Company; 1941, 292 pp.; \$3.50. The author of this book bases

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his thesis upon the statement that design principles and terminology need to be clarified and integrated so that on this

neutral ground of reason the conservative and the radical artist may meet and exchange mutually helpful ideas. He asserts that pictorial structure is subject to natural forces as potent as gravity, and says of his book that "its purpose is an orderly, clear, and simple analysis of the elements and principles upon which all visual art is built." The plan of study is in three parts: The elements of design (pp. 3-11) -- line, direction, shape, proportion, texture, value, color; the principles of design (pp. 15-78) -- repetition, harmony, gradation, contrast, unity; analysis of design elements (pp. 81-274) -- line, direction, proportion, value, color. The book is well printed, on fine paper, and profusely illustrated, with 8 pages in color.

Mr. Graves goes at the study of color much as an engineer might. He has worked out an illustrated table of value keys from which the student may learn where to start in working out a composition. Thirty different Value Chords are illustrated, each

developed from the same principles, the term value chord being used to specify a value combination in which values and intervals (or value rhythm) is planned according to design principles. As a musical notation is necessary to a musician, so is a color notation necessary to the graphic artist, it is pointed out; and the Munsell notation is used thereafter to clarify the discussion of color organization. Color chords are developed and described, and while it is probable that many an artist and art teacher will feel the presentation "too technical", Mr. Graves does the art-educational field a service by not omitting, as do so many books on color, all but elementary discussions. He assumes that the artist in pigment is not one ~~with~~ less capable of clarifying his thinking by hard mental problems in color notation and planning than is his brother artist, the musician, who would never think of omitting the hard work of learning a musical notation, of reading music, and practicing by the hour on scales that will allow his fingers to become adept and quick. It is of interest to note that while Mr. Graves teaches at Pratt Institute, he does not teach color or design. Sometimes it takes one who looks on from another field to point out new paths for thinking. While there are some statements that might be questioned, and probably will be, they are, in the opinion of the reviewer, of minor importance when one considers the broad purpose of the book.

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*Its Specification and Use in Evaluating
the Appearance of Materials*

SPONSORED jointly by two organizations—the American Society for Testing Materials and the Inter-Society Color Council—each of which has carried out important standardization, research and testing activities in this field, the published Symposium on Color comprises six extensive technical papers with oral and written discussion submitted by interested technologists. It will be noted that the papers cover practically all phases of color and stress those aspects which should be of primary interest to the specifier of appearance attributes of color.

The joint committee in charge of the technical symposium included M. Rea Paul, chairman, and the following members: A. G. Ashcroft, W. E. Emley, C. E. Foss, W. R. Fuller, H. A. Gardner, D. B. Judd, R. S. Hunter, Paul Rapp and W. M. Scott.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PAPERS WILL INDICATE THE GENERAL CONTENT
OF THE SYMPOSIUM:

Introduction to Color—DEANE B. JUDD, *Physicist, National Bureau of Standards.*

Describes attributes of color, modes of appearance of object colors, usefulness of the color solids;—gives technical definition of color, color specification by combinations of lights and by material standards. Draws a distinction between the psychological definition of color and the technical definition.

Color Specifications of Transparent Materials—FRANCIS SCOFIELD, *Chemist, National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association.*

Discusses the problem of designating one color out of a family of similar colors; covers the nature and color characteristics of standards and describes attempts to set up color standards for mineral and vegetable oils, varnishes, resins, and other transparent materials. The many sets of standards, including the Lovibond glasses, the A.S.T.M. oil colorimeter, the U. S. rosin standards, are reviewed and their merits and defects pointed out.

Hiding Power and Opacity—R. H. SAWYER, *Research Division Head, Krebs Pigment and Color Corporation.*

In general, practical relations between optical properties and such factors as refractive index, particle size, film thickness, and particle concentration have been developed empirically with empirical methods for measurement, and have not been reduced to either simple or complex equations. Many useful testing methods have been developed. Several of these have achieved the status of recognized standard testing methods. This paper deals chiefly with discussion of the most significant theoretical and empirical relations which have been developed and of those practical testing methods which have attained widest recognition.

Color Standards for Opaque Materials—I. H. GODLOVE, *Physicist and Chemist,*

E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.

After pointing out that color of an opaque object depends on three sets of factors and briefly covering certain methods of specifying color, the author discusses in detail various color standards pointing out that the material standards vary from haphazard and variable traditional objects, which lead to unprecise color names such as emerald-green or lemon-yellow, to groups of standards such as the Ostwald and Munsell systems. There is brief reference to methods and systems of designating color, and appropriate reference is made to color dictionaries including the Maerz and Paul "Dictionary of Color." Finally, reference is made to a number of special standards including Air Corps, Army, and some of the A.S.T.M. standards.

Spectrophotometry and Color Evaluation—A. E. PARKER, *Physicist, Electrical Testing Laboratories.*

Spectrophotometry, which is the measurement of light emitted, transmitted or reflected as a function of wave length, while not a new field has been relatively inactive until recent years when the development of recording spectrophotometers imparted a tremendous impetus. Reference is made to a number of non-recording spectrophotometers with various circuits and explanatory diagrams, but most of the paper refers to recording type with detailed descriptions, working diagrams, and related data. The author lists various fields where the application of these instruments is very important.

Photoelectric Tristimulus Colorimetry—R. S. HUNTER, *Junior Physicist, National Bureau of Standards.*

The statement is made that photoelectric tristimulus colorimetry is direct and rapid because the result of integration with respect to wave length is found automatically by the use of specially chosen source-filter-photocell combinations. The author includes a short discussion of two experimental methods much confused, namely, the photoelectric tristimulus colorimetry method and the photoelectric abridged spectrophotometry method. Instruments for the former are described with applicable equations and finally the applications are covered under such headings as I.C.I. values; for uniform-chromaticity-scale coordinates; and for amount of color difference and whiteness. There is detailed discussion of errors in the method.

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