

deals more especially with the physical and physico-chemical relations existing between the textile fibres and the dyestuffs and mordants employed in the processes of dyeing. The advanced theories pertaining to solutions and the nature and properties of colloids are especially considered, and an attempt is made to arrive at a satisfactory explanation of the dyeing process through the application of these theories. The author has collated a large number of fragmentary observations relative to the subject, though he has not yet systematized his array of facts into as logical a sequence as would be desirable. As a result, the book is rather heterogeneous, and in style somewhat disconnected and fragmentary, and among the many citations of conflicting theories, the reader is sometimes left in doubt as to just which idea the author intends to emphasize as being the true one. The book, however, will prove of considerable value to the advanced chemist who is specializing in the technical field of dyeing, and through the many good suggestions advanced by the author, it will no doubt considerably stimulate both physical and chemical research in a field which has been entirely too much neglected by the trained scientist.

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