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OUR HAMMER

The Hammer in the oil technologist's tool kit is a publication devoted to his profession. The American Oil Chemists' Society believes there is a place for such a periodical in the rather numerous family of Technical Magazines and has maintained for nearly two years THE JOURNAL OF OIL AND FAT INDUSTRIES. The reception accorded this quarterly, not only in America but in many foreign countries has seemed to bear out this supposition.

In spite of the difficulties incident to the birth of any scientific publication it has from the start been kindly received and supported. Its pages at times may have been a bit padded but by far the most of the articles it contained were worthy of a permanent place among the records of the industries' achievements.

Beginning this year, 1926, the Journal comes out in new form and under a little different management. It will, in the future, be a monthly and the scope of its articles somewhat broadened. The A. O. C. S., however, is still squarely behind it and all papers of a strictly scientific and technical nature are passed upon by the Society's Editorial Board before being printed.

To the artisan, irrespective of his particular trade, a hammer is an absolute necessity. The carpenter certainly cannot build the simplest box without one. The structural steel man and the boiler-maker may have their pneumatic riveters; but these are only super-hammers and at that do not entirely replace the old ball-pein. The fellows in the mines and quarries still swing away with their sledges in spite of electric drills, and how would the village smithy make music without the clang-clang on his anvil? Even the doctors and the musicians need hammers.

A prerequisite to success in any profession is a knowledge of the work of one's fellow laborers. The information in text-books is useful,

but to the chemical technologist in much the same category as the history of Napoleon's wars to General Pershing. It is their acquaintance with the new discoveries and inventions, new methods of analysis, new materials for construction, and new statistics of production that mark the leaders in our profession.

A monthly is better than a quarterly because it not only gives one the work of his confrere more promptly and more often, but tends to hold together more closely all those who are laboring on the same structure. We work with more enthusiasm and to better purpose when we can hear the ring of the other fellow's hammer: No! not knocking.—H. S. B.

SYMPOSIUM ON COTTON SEED AND OTHER VEGETABLE OILS AND COTTON SEED PRODUCTS

This Symposium will be held at the Tulsa meeting of the American Chemical Society in April. Papers connected with refining processes and chemistry of Cotton Seed and other vegetable oils, also papers relating to the feeding value and toxicity of by-products and feeding stuffs will be particularly welcome.

The Symposium will be held under the auspices of the Agricultural and Food Division, with cooperation of the Biological Division.

David Wesson, 120 Broadway, New York, will act as Chairman and will be glad to hear from those having papers to offer. Under the rules of the American Chemical Society, papers are expected only from members, unless the authors happen to be men of special note and have papers to present of very unusual interest.