

Using basic English, which offers a vocabulary of 850 words, as the means of presenting information to readers in foreign countries, the **Hercules Powder company** will soon distribute a book on Thanite, its new agent for insect poisoning, to readers in Latin America.



Pliastic cement is the name of a new synthetic resin adhesive announced by **Paisley Products, Inc.**, Chicago and New York. It is compounded of selected resin bases with complex non-resin materials to yield a tough, pliable, continuous film.



Paint will play a large part in the maintenance field, according to the postwar planning committee of the **National Paint, Varnish, and Lacquer Association**. Re-painting is urged so that costly disintegration of property need not occur.



The continuation of the annual fellowship in the department of entomology at the **University of Delaware** has been announced by G. L. Schuster, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. It carries a \$10,000 grant. Work is sponsored by the Hercules Powder company under the direction of Dr. Paul L. Rice, acting head of the entomology department.



In Holland 11 pounds of bones are good for one cake of soap, according to a new Nazi ruling, and four and a half pounds of bones entitle a civilian to a package of soap powder. The catch in this, according to the **Netherlands Information Bureau**, is how to accumulate the bones on the slim meat ration. It would take 48 weeks to get enough bones for the powder and two years for the cake of soap.



**Glycerine Facts**, of which Georgia Leffingwell, Ph.D., is editor, reports that glycerine may be used in a cholesterol conversion product with sulfur in the manufacture of cosmetic creams or powders.

## Obituary

Dr. Warner W. Stockberger, one of the three honorary members of the American Oil Chemists' Society, died on May 27, 1944. He was in the Office of the Drug, Poisonous, and Oil Plant Investigation, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Word was sent to Society headquarters by Maude N. Stockberger, 529 Cedar street, N. W., Washington 12.

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## Snell Writes Book

**CHEMISTRY MADE EASY.** Vol. I. Theory of inorganic chemistry. 184 pp. Vol. II. Elements and compounds of inorganic chemistry. 232 pp. Vol. III. The aliphatic and aromatic compounds of organic chemistry. 256 pp. Vol. IV. Chemicals of commerce. 542 pp. By Cornelia T. Snell and Foster Dee Snell. Published by D. Van Nostrand Company, New York, N. Y., 1943. Price single volume \$2.25, set \$7.95.

This four-volume set on chemistry is "designed specially for the home study and so presented as to make easy for the reader to grasp the essential principles of the science by himself and without a teacher." Each chapter is supplemented with test questions and final examinations have been drafted for each book. The books are well organized for self-study. They treat chemistry simply and in very understandable language.

The reviewer's experience in chemical literature suggests that the books should interest many non-technically trained individuals in chemical process industries. Among these could be included stenographers, and secretaries to chemists and chemical engineers, foremen, other executives, purchasing department employees, and others who work in close contact with chemical processes but have not had the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the science.

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