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Book Review

ADHESIVES: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, by Bernard S. Herman.
Noyes Data Corp., Park Ridge, N.J., 1976. 302 pp. (\$32.00).

This is a collection of 113 U.S. patents dealing with adhesives and issued between April 1974 and September 1975; however, the patents are not reproduced verbatim but are condensed to, for instance, one-third the original length. To have an idea of whether the condensation has been performed skillfully, the summary was compared with the full text of the earliest patent in the book. It is clear that shortening was done simply by eliminating whole paragraphs and whole sentences; no paraphrasing was used. One at least of the paragraphs omitted lists the phenols suitable for the particular adhesive formulation; perhaps it deserved to be kept in. It is unfortunately impossible, without a considerable expense of time, to decide just how complete the coverage of the 1974–75 patents is.

There are indexes for the companies, the inventors, and the patent numbers, but no index of substances mentioned in the text is provided. The book is reproduced from typewritten sheets so that the margins are not justified.

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