

of passing from one dibasic acid to another richer in carbon atoms.

In conclusion, the following pronouncement of the author may be warmly commended: "In a word, the proper place to lay the foundation for the career of the practical man is in the University."

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DRYING OILS, BOILED OIL, AND SOLID AND LIQUID DRYERS. BY LOUIS EDGAR ANDÉS. London: Scott, Greenwood & Co. 1901. 342 pp. Price, \$5.00 net.

In times past this author has been a serious offender in the way of writing books which were merely compilations of what other people had said or guessed, so that we look with suspicion on a new book from him; but in this instance we are agreeably disappointed. Mr. Andés evidently knows something about drying oils, and has a lot of practical experience in their treatment and use. It is the best book on the subject and is pretty well up to date. The book indeed contains many of the old, useless, and impracticable formulae, familiar to all students of the subject, but these are compensated by remarks from the author's own experience which are fairly luminous with good sense and accurate knowledge, such as characterize the chapter on "Dryers." To get the real value of the book one must differentiate between the things which the author knows and those which he has merely read about; but to one reasonably familiar with the subject, this is not difficult, and to such the book will be found very useful. It is worth buying.

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