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TECHNICS FOR THE CRIME INVESTIGATOR. By *William Dienststein*. Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, 1952. Pp. 216. \$5.75.

The author of this book is an Associate Professor of Criminology at Fresno State College, Fresno, California. The book is apparently written with a primary objective of providing beginners in Criminal Investigation with a text on the general subject of investigation.

The author has presented the basic principles relating to the investigation of criminal offenses in a very concise arrangement consisting of fifteen chapters. The specific topics covered in the book are basic essentials to initial investigation.

The first chapter, which covers the subject of Observation of Persons and Property seems to overstress the importance of "observe . . . everything that can be observed, not merely in a general way, but to the minutest detail." This approach, particularly with beginners, will stimulate attempts to memorize rather than to apply analytic observation.

The chapters covering the subjects of Crime Scene, Modus Operandi, Surveillance, and Narcotics are reasonably good. The treatment of Sources of Information is the most complete and therefore the best chapter in the book. The subject of Intoxication, Firearms Investigation, Documents in Investigation, and Fingerprints leave much to be desired. These subjects, important as they are, are but meagerly treated, being little more than an outline.

The subjects Search and Seizure, Undercover Work, and that part of chapter two which relates to evidence, are most limited in their treatment, in fact they can scarcely be accredited as outlines of the subjects.

The size of the book limits the author to but brief treatment of any of many subjects of importance to Criminal Investigation and leaves much to be desired both in the use of the volume as a handbook or as a guide for supplemental study.

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INK AND PAPER IN THE PRINTING PROCESS. By *Andries Vost*. Interscience Publishers, New York, 1952. Pp. 213. \$5.90.

This book discusses the chemistry and physics of ink in all phases of the printing process. The problems are handled in two groupings: Ink and the Press, and Ink and Paper. Both the theoretical background and the practical applications are considered.

Part I, Ink and the Press, deals with the ink's action while on the printing press. Viscosity, thixotropy, tack force, and viscoelastic stress are among its important characteristics that are examined.

In Part II, Ink and Paper, the interrelation between printing ink and paper both during contact on the presses and subsequently is thoroughly treated. Chapters on the microscopy of half tone printing, examining of the characteristics and distortion of the half tone dots; contrast and coverage of ink; ink penetration; print through; ink transfer; picking of paper; and physical and chemical drying of inks make up this portion of the text.

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