

Preface

American technical periodicals have been employing the alignment diagram ever more extensively during the past twenty-five years. It seemed appropriate that the brief content and location of existing diagrams be made as widely available as possible. This *Index* undertakes as broad a compilation of them as could be made within practical limits.

The word “nomogram,” meaning the “law in graphical form,” properly includes alignment diagrams, network charts, and many other graphical forms. In recent years, the term “nomogram” has come more and more to refer to alignment diagrams exclusively. The *Index* uses the word in this popular sense. Approximately seventeen hundred alignment diagram references are presented.

Supplementary Diagrams

In this first broad compiling of American nomograms, only those periodicals were searched which patently favored the publication of this type of diagram. The publishers would appreciate having their attention called to missing nomograms appearing in these or other periodicals subsequent to 1923. The usefulness of future editions of the *Index* will be greatly increased by this courtesy. Omissions and suggestions should be referred to Professor Douglas P. Adams, Section of Graphics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.