

## *The Use of the Index*

Index A—Key Words—is an alphabetical listing of the one or two words most naturally associated with each of the diagrams and hence those which would most readily enter the minds of persons looking into the problems for which the diagrams were made. Each entry is followed by a Key Number referring to Index B.

Index B—Master List—presents the periodical, month, year, volume, number, and page of each nomogram. Twenty-one divisions occur, corresponding to major fields in which nomograms have been extensively used. This arrangement aids in scanning nomograms in a given field. It increases the chances of finding a nomogram which is known to exist or of uncovering a useful one. Unless a more appropriate placement was clearly necessary, the division for a nomogram was determined by the field of its periodical. The interdependence of divisions makes some overlapping of content unavoidable. It may cause a diagram to appear in a division which does not seem to be the very best but never to appear in one entirely strange to it. However, the search for a particular nomogram should always commence with a thorough use of Index A.

The variables employed in each diagram appear in a bracket following its title. The most obvious abbreviations have been used for them, and these are listed. Each bracketed expression gives a quick though not exhaustive digest of what the nomogram purports to deal with and should give a person familiar with the field a fair clue to its usefulness for his purposes. This can be especially helpful where several nomograms have the same title but are based upon somewhat different variables. The full titles for periodical abbreviations are also listed.