

unaltered druse material free from appreciable magnetite: SiO_2 51.32 [etc. as in my no. 47].

The last is the analysis I quoted as no. 47, Biella, Piedmont, Zambonini. The difference between Leake no. 18 and my figures is due not to miscalculation but to my rejection of the early Cossa analysis in favour of that by Zambonini (1905). If, in spite of Zambonini's criticism, the 'Leake 18' analysis is to be used, it should be attributed to Cossa, not Zambonini.

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Aluminium paper laps for polished sections.

ALUMINIUM laps (Min. Mag., vol. 32, p. 738) continue to give very useful results. It has been found, however, that some aluminium foils commonly sold carry an invisible coat of plastic varnish. This renders the foil useless since it prevents the diamond particles from becoming imbedded in the metal surface. Care should be taken to obtain an unvarnished foil; this should give a vigorous cutting action on a sulphide mount within two minutes. The 'silver paper' I used was supplied by F. and G. Kettle, 127 High Holborn, W.C. 1.

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BOOK REVIEWS

DEER (W. A.), HOWIE (R. A.), and ZUSSMAN (J.). *Rock-forming minerals*. London (Longmans), 1962 (vol. 5) and 1963 (vol. 2). Vol. 2: *Chain silicates*. ix+379 pp., 89 figs., 58 tables. Vol. 5: *Non-silicates*. ix+371 pp., 59 figs., 54 tables. Price £4. 15s. each volume.

This work consists of five volumes, and a previous review of volumes 1 and 3 included an appraisal of the scope, style, and standard of the series as a whole (this vol., p. 434). Volume 4, on the framework silicates, is expected to appear later this year.

Volume 2 deals with the pyroxene group, wollastonite, pectolite, rhodonite, bustamite, pyroxmangite, and the amphibole group. The sections on the important pyroxene and amphibole groups, almost equal in length, account for all but 36 pages of this volume, the data