A PRACTICAL DISSECTING TRAY.

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Various kinds of dissecting trays have been described by Hatschek and Cori, Kükenthal, Dodge, Pratt, Mark, Kellogg and others, all of which, however, are more or less unsuited to general conditions of laboratory work.

A tray which apparently meets all requirements can be made by selecting a suitable china dish, attaching the cloth called "cotton wool" or "cotton flannel" to the bottom, with the smooth side down, by means of LePage's glue, and pouring in a mixture of melted beeswax and lampblack. The glue should

previously be allowed to dry at least twelve hours. Furthermore, the dish should be heated slightly above the melting point of the beeswax before the wax is poured in, and then allowed to gradually cool before an open-front gas stove, thus allowing the bottom layers of the wax to harden first. This prevents the separation of the wax from the side of the dish as well as the formation of cracks on the surface. Trays such as described have been in use in the laboratory at Kenyon College for more than a year, and have been found practical in every respect.

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