

It is pointed out that in recent years, with the development of photographic methods of reproduction, the use of copyright material without permission has greatly increased.

Infringement of copyright is discussed under the following headings: "Digest" journals. "Abstract" journals. Films. Microfilms. Film strips, which are also known as film slides. Lantern slides. Mimiographic reproduction. Illustration, and lastly, photostats.

The legal position is as follows: "The reproduction without the consent of the owners of the copyright of any protected work or any substantial part thereof in any material form, is an infringement of copyright. The only exceptions, material for the present purpose are two in number.

- (a) "If a teacher were to use an epidiascope to throw on the screen in front of his class an illustration from a copyright book there would be no infringement; but if he were to make a film slide of the illustration for use in the same way he would be infringing the copyright."
- (b) "Photographs of sculpture or craftsmanship permanently situate in a public place or building do not involve an infringement of copyright."

There appears to be very little piracy of complete books in this country; but it seems that a certain amount of unauthorised reproduction of such parts as parts of the text, tables, illustrations and bibliographies has increased of late years.

The matter concerns both author and publisher and it is suggested that:

- (a) Copyright material be not used without permission.
- (b) Where such material is used, due acknowledgment is made to the source from which it is taken and "arrangements agreed as to the manner in which copyright material is used."
- (c) Reasonable payment is made where the copyright material is to be put to a commercial use and in certain circumstances, *e.g.*, where the proposed use of the copyright material would be damaging in some way to the Publisher's and/or Author's interest.

Neither Publisher nor Author is any way inclined to take a dog-in-the-manger attitude, but the question needs to be regularised.

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#### Corrigendum

IN Mr. Spencer Walker's paper on Myopia and Pseudomyopia, December, 1946, p. 739, para 2, line 5, for "temporarily" read "eventually."