

## OCCULT CHEMISTRY

In the summer of 1895, Mrs. Besant and Mr. C. W. Leadbeater began a clairvoyant investigation into the structure of the chemical elements. The investigations dealt only with three elements, Hydrogen, Oxygen and Nitrogen. Descriptions were published, with drawings of these elements as seen by the magnifying power of clairvoyance. The work was resumed in 1907, at Weisser Hirsch in Germany. C. Jinarajadasa was then present as clerical assistant, and he recorded the work done, and drew diagrams to illustrate the investigations. On her return to India, Mrs. Besant published in the *Theosophist* month by month the investigations into the structure of the elements. The articles were republished as the book *Occult Chemistry*. Further investigations were made in 1909. These investigations recorded several elements not on the Atomic Table of Elements of 1907.

Some of the new elements recorded are since known as Isotypes, while others took their place in the gaps then existing in the Periodic Table.

All the investigations up to this date dealt with the structure of the chemical elements. In the investigations of 1895, the appearance of a molecule of water had been noted, but a fuller investigation was not then undertaken.

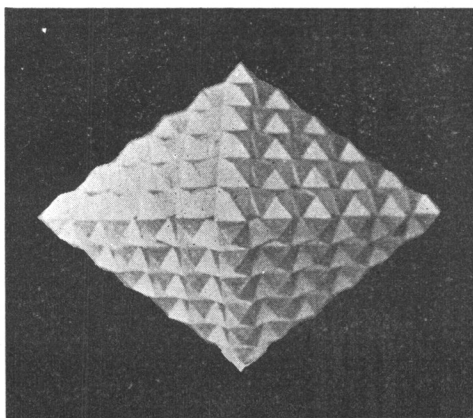


FIG. 179  
MODEL OF THE DIAMOND

In 1919 and subsequent years, a new series of investigations into the structure of chemical compounds was undertaken by Bishop Leadbeater. A few investigations were also made into crystallisation, and a description given of the process of crystallisation of the diamond. Acting as recorder of these investigations, C. Jinarajadasa published in the *Theosophist* from 1919-1925 all the material placed in his hands during these investigations.

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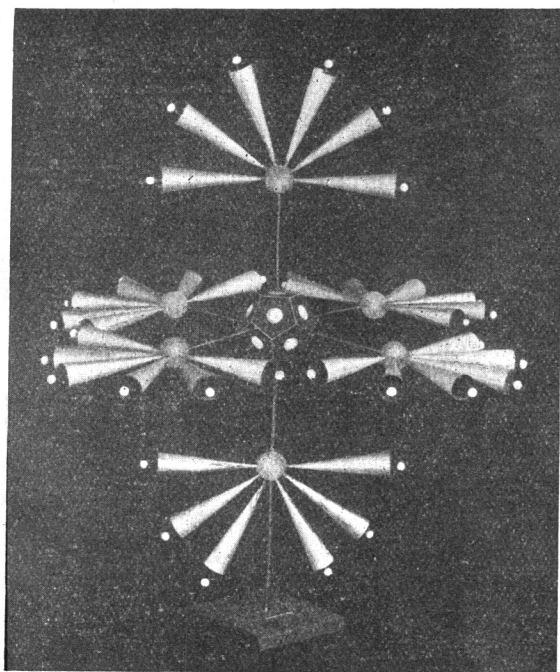


FIG. 180

MODEL OF BENZENE  $C_6H_6$

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