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"The modification of polymers has been practiced since the dawn of mankind with the working of animal hides and natural fibers. In spite of this ancient beginning significant advances are occurring almost daily. The "black art" of polymer modification is increasingly yielding to scientific investigation and as new insights become available, new applications are found for this information - the advances in knowledge and applications coupled.

Much has been done and much remains to be done in the area of polymer modification. Significant problems await solution".

- C.E. CARRAHER, JR.
- M. TSUDA
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