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**peel technique** . A method of preparing rock sections for study. A smooth surface is differentially etched with acid, and then covered with cellulose acetate or a similar liquid that will dry to a transparent film. When this film is peeled off, it brings with it a thin layer of rock substance, preserving this material in its original space relations. It may then be studied microscopically.

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