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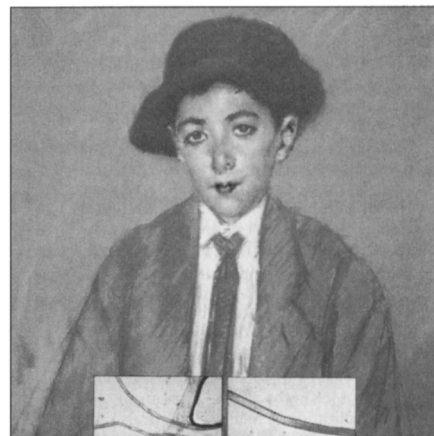
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ON THE COVER: Composite of Mary Cassatt's *Portrait of Charles Dikran Kelekian*, 1910 (Walters Art Gallery 37.2656, photograph courtesy of Walters Art Gallery). **Insets:** Light micrographs taken at 64 times. Field of view is 0.53 mm. **Left Inset:** The wide, yellow-stained fiber is softwood, and the two narrow, red fibers are flax (upper) and cotton (lower). **Right Inset:** The purple-dyed fiber is wool.

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