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Three Harvard scientists have been able to prevent the usual quick death of experimental mice receiving live trachoma viruses. Death is prevented by prior vaccination with an inoculum that contains inactive trachoma viruses.

Their findings reported in *Science* (Sept. 11) may assist in solving the most baffling problem in trachoma research: whether it is possible to immunize human beings against the different viruses causing the disease. Trachoma is an eye disease which impairs vision and causes blindness. It is most prevalent in tropical and subtropical areas.

The researchers are Drs. Samuel D. Bell Jr., John C. Snyder and Edward S. Murray of the department of microbiology, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston.

Science News Letter, September 26, 1959

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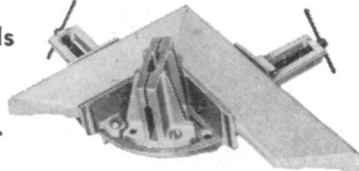
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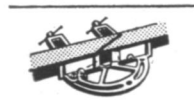
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