

# Letters to the Editor

Our cataloguers wonder why you did not shorten the title of SCIENCE NEWS LETTER to SCIENCE instead of to SCIENCE NEWS. We do not object to your changing the title to SCIENCE NEWS; in fact we prefer the shorter title. Our objection is to your insisting in small print, that the title is SCIENCE NEWS LETTER when you have done everything you can to make the public think that the title is SCIENCE NEWS. Why aren't you brave enough to drop the word "Letter" instead of waiting to drop it later?

Irene L. Craft, Corvallis, Oreg.

*There is a journal "Science" which carries original research reports and SCIENCE NEWS refers to it in practically every issue. I think the American Association for the Advancement of Science would not like your idea. Gradually we shall drop the part of our name. Editor.*

I want to tell you how much I like your "new" SCIENCE NEWS LETTER. The larger print makes it much easier to read.

John C. Kelly, Shawnee Mission, Kans.

Though there certainly wasn't anything wrong with the magazine before there's a great improvement now. The larger cover picture, the darker and larger print, all of these improvements I noticed, and I'm sure other subscribers have, too. There is only one objection I have—the magazine SCIENCE NEWS LETTER was in such beautiful colors before I wondered if you have to use "white."

Lina Kahn, Los Angeles, Calif.

Congratulations on your new format, your larger easier to read type, etc. It's even more of a pleasure to read now.

John Churko, New York, N.Y.

The Humane Society of the United States favors strong legislation to stop dog and cat stealing and to enforce humane standards of care and handling of animals by dealers in laboratory animals and endorses the general features of the Resnick and Poage bills with the exception of those minor portions relating to the regulation of laboratory conditions. This society is also publicly on record in congressional hearings in favor of strong legislation to regulate the care, handling, and use of animals in laboratories to protect them from discomfort and pain in every way possible consistent with the needs of legitimate research. (See SN, 89:185, March 19, 1966.)

Oliver Evans, President, Humane Society of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

*Excerpt from a written statement presented by Mr. Evans to a congressional subcommittee hearing on petnapping March 7, 1966. ". . . I wish to present reason for excluding the care, housing and use of animals in laboratories from the coverage of any bill to regulate the wholesale traffic in animals destined for laboratories . . . laboratory conditions are highly complex and require treatment in legislation which will not only serve to eliminate or minimize the suffering of animals but will also do so in ways which will not impede the progress of scientific discovery."*

I was overjoyed to see Science Club News. You have made other changes that have pleased me also.

Ted Jakubek, Bayonne, N.J.

Congratulations for your excellent article about the metric system. Please, set yourself the good example in converting all units in your publication into metric or in giving metric equivalents together with English units. Your Youth Science Clubs could also do much to make the U.S. familiar with the metric system.

Albert E. Schubiger, Dr. Phil., Lucerne, Switzerland

*We attempt to give the metric figures when the scientist does. We convert them also to English values. Editor.*

I admire your new setup but you should have done that long ago.

W.S. Robinson, Tujunga, Calif.

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## Questions

By what new method are exact reproductions of works of art being made? p. 314.

How did scientists learn that the earth was enveloped by three successive temperature cycles each lasting 30 million years? p. 315.

What is the connection between polar bears and satellites? p. 321.

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