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*William T. Powers
Northbrook, Ill.*

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I have been reading **SCIENCE NEWS** with a great deal of enjoyment since my husband and I were given a gift subscription (since renewed a number of times) a few years ago. (My husband is a scientist; his views are stated above.) I am a housewife, a nondescript term which includes a very diverse group of people. I am also a B.A.; in a year or so I hope to describe myself by saying I am a teacher. I have been delighted with your publication since we first started to receive it, and my enjoyment has increased with the increasing detail, the introduction of specialty pages and the generally higher level of reporting.

My real reasons for liking **SCIENCE NEWS** split down the middle. We have been able to eliminate many general news magazines from the surfeit of publications which arrive at this house because of this magazine. Articles in your magazine give me a helping hand toward reading and understanding more specialized magazines, like **SCIENCE**. I like the level of your publication as it now stands. I do, however, side with those who wish you would cite your sources; I would like, for example, further information about the Rouse Belts, and do not know where to go, except to bother Dr. Rouse himself.

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