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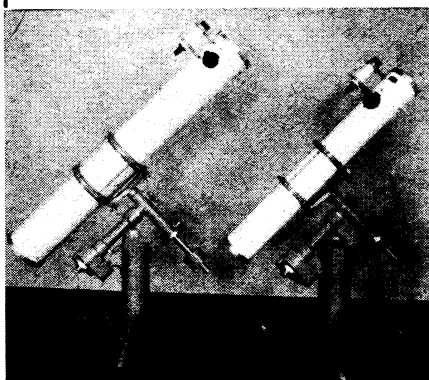
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enced in this matter. But the discovery on that account does not lose its importance.

In regard to the statements that only occasional discoveries of this type are made and they are expensive, I may point out that the intensity of investigation in this field is not high and the percentage of success is not unusually low. Even in the much more popular field of synthetic drugs, success is considered to be one in 4,000 cases. It is certainly much better in the field of vegetable drugs. For a country like India where a large majority cannot go in for expensive medicaments which at the same time are not always safe, the development of vegetable drugs seems to be a matter of importance and urgency.

Dr. T. R. Seshadri  
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## Science and meditation

Sir:

In regard to some recent letters in your publication deploring its intellectual plane, I can only say that it must be terrible to fear challenging one's own mind. A university astronomy student, I find **SCIENCE NEWS** an excellent aid; primarily for its weekly "Physical Sciences Notes," but also as a brief and succinct review of progress being made in other scientific fields. It would be a great help to a professional scientist be he an astronomer or doctor. For those who resent the terrible taxing of constructive thought, there are many science papers written at the sixth grade level. I would be deeply disappointed if **SCIENCE NEWS** debased itself by lowering its intellectual standards. This would be an adulteration of the true beauty of scientific concepts which always require meditation for a full understanding.

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