

to the editor

Anomalous water

We feel that your article on anomalous water (SN: 1/23/71, p. 62) gave a reasonable assessment of the status quo. You might care to note that in addition to our negative infrared evidence, only the normal water peaks were obtained in the mass spectrum, as stated in our note.

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Ball lightning

Reference is made to your article, "Possibility of antimatter micrometeorites." (SN: 4/3/71, p. 226).

Not all ball lightning is associated with storms, and always originates outside as suspected. The reason I state this is that we had a ball of lightning in our dining room near the ceiling. No doors nor windows were open, and neither were there any thunderstorms.

My husband saw it early in the morning before going to work. He glanced at it—the size was similar to a

large orange, then it went pfff! and disappeared. He looked to see if the ceiling was scorched or burned by the ball of lightning—it was not.

The ball of lightning could not have come from outside—everything was closed.

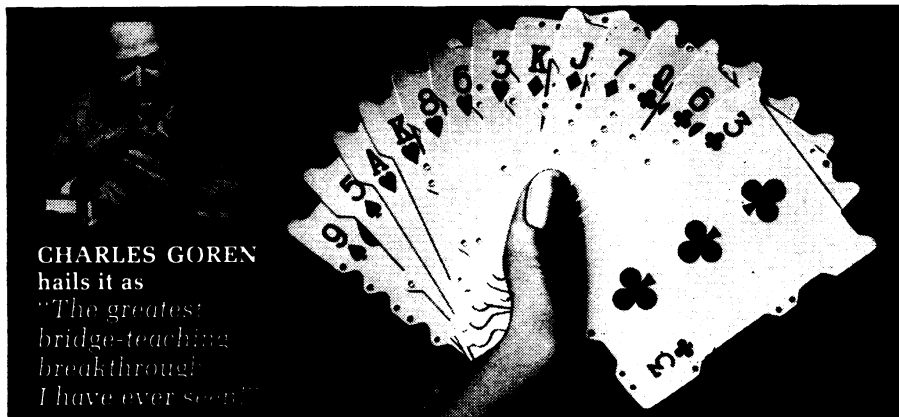
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Aerospace coverage

I should like to take this opportunity to commend you on the consistently high quality of your magazine, and particularly on the accurate, up-to-the-minute aerospace articles.

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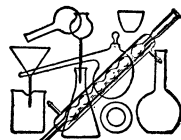
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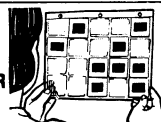
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