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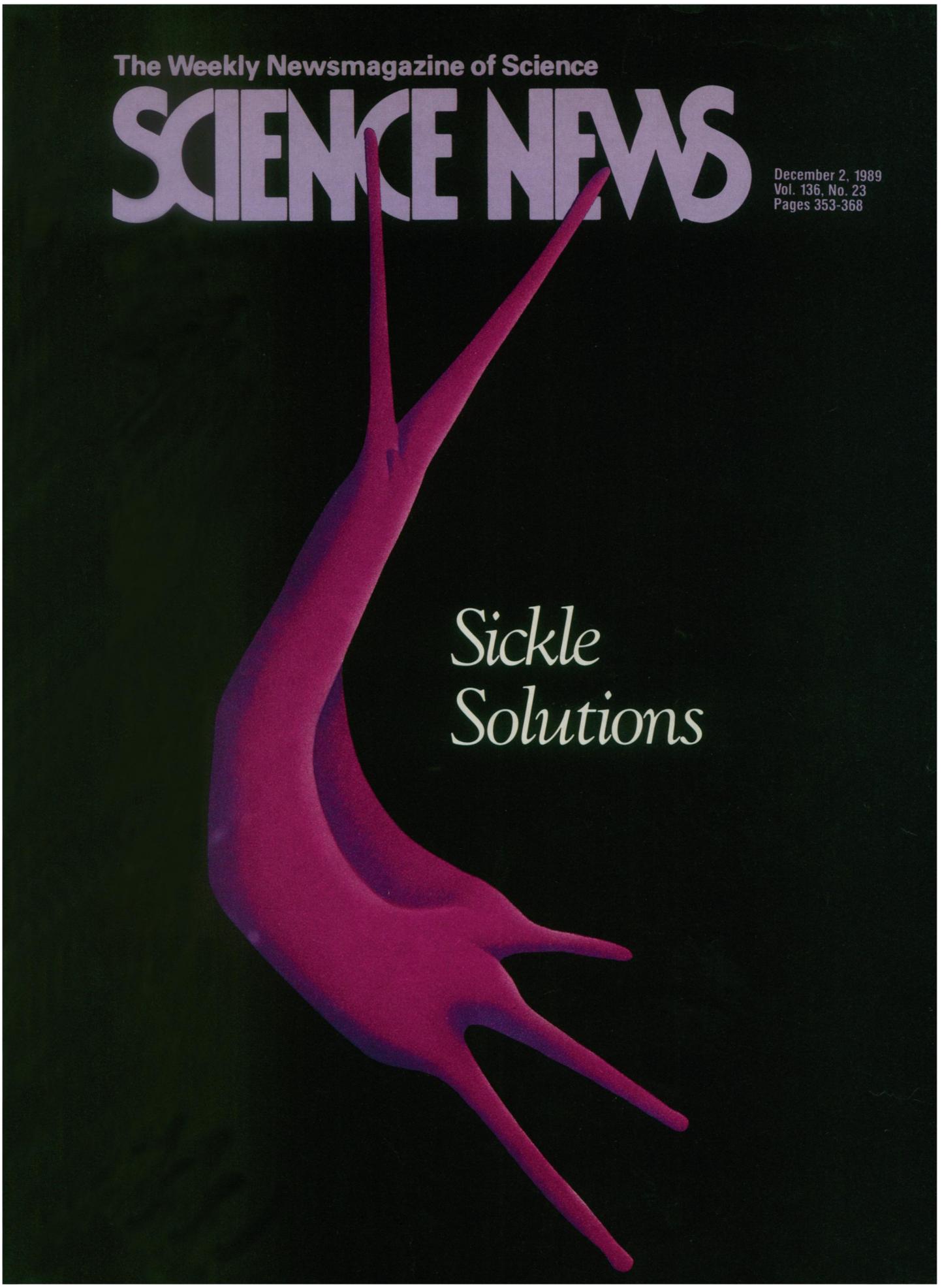

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A Compendium of Tests, Super Tests and Killer Bees

By David Grambs

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Botany
1. zylem zylum xylum xylem
   (water- and nutrient-conducting tissue in vascular plant)
2. dichotyledon dichotyledan dicotyledon dicotyledan
   (class of angiospermous plants)
3. saprophitic sapriphytic saprophytic saprephitic
   (feeding on dead organic matter)
4. brachteol brachteole bracteol bracteole
   (small leaf or leaflike part)
5. batalogy battology batology batylogy
   (study of brambles)
6. lenticell lenticel lentacell lentacel
   (lens-shaped spot or pore on a plant stem)

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Answers: xylem, dicotyledon, saprophytic, bracteole, batology, lenticel

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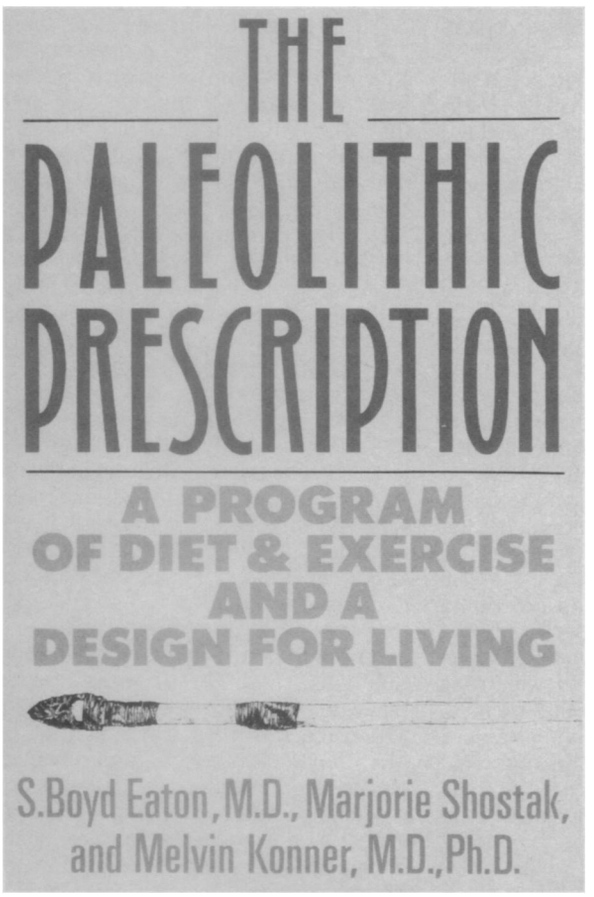

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