

## Letters (continued)

on Selective Service, if its recommendations are accepted, may achieve fairness; but fairness alone is not going to maintain American military strength. Such a plan as proposed would severely limit the number of new scientists for four or five years after its enactment. The number of scientists seems to me to be at least as important as the size of the military establishment.

Michael Grote  
Miami University  
Oxford, Ohio

## Unbalanced or Courageous?

Dear Sir:

I enjoyed Barbara Tufty's article on Dr. Leakey as well as others she has written in *SCIENCE NEWS*.

I did question and was very much surprised by this great man's statement about—"the psychologically unbalanced youths who burn their draft cards." Since the draft card burners are most courageous and most humanistic and serious of our young people today, this statement by Dr. Leakey is amazing. I think that they prove his contention about this new era of the youth—that they will make great changes.

I have limited time for reading, but find that I am able to peruse *SCIENCE NEWS* and read many of the articles. I like to keep up-to-date in this easy-reading fashion.

Mrs. Emil Bardach  
West Orange, N.J.

## Disbelief

Gentlemen:

I have just re-read Barbara Tufty's beautiful article, "Christmas Crystals," in your issue of Dec. 11, 1965, and noticed a statement in it which I have heard often before but never before have seen in a scientific magazine.

The statement I refer to is that no two snowflakes are alike. I wish to challenge that statement on two bases:

1. To prove that no two snowflakes are alike it would be necessary to photograph every snowflake that has ever fallen, a clear impossibility.

2. So many snowflakes have fallen since the world first cooled enough for frozen precipitation that it seems mathematically impossible that no two of them were alike.

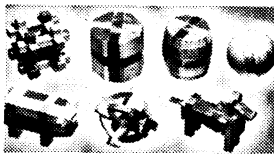
Mrs. Arnet Cole  
Adrian, Mich.

(Mrs. Cole estimates that more than 240 billion flakes fall in a 3-inch snowfall over a square mile.)

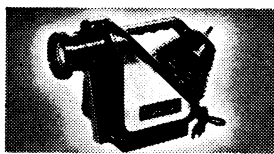
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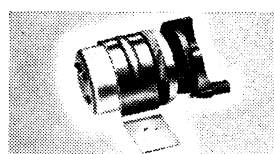
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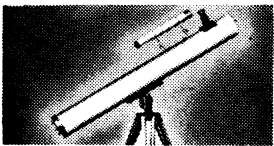
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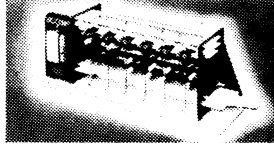
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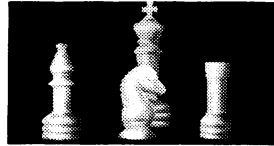
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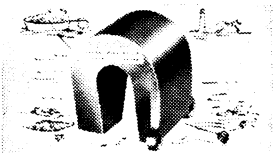
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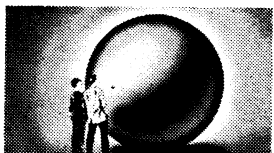
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