

features—of the picture are likely, over the short term, to be neglected or distorted.

If the real nature and the real purpose of science were merely to provide us with protection, with mere instruments of power, with mere material gains, as some less wise individuals have thought and openly proclaimed, there would be no such thing as science.

There would only be a kind of pseudo-technical activity so mean, so uninspiring, so devoid of roots that it would be unworthy of your allegiance and could not even long survive.

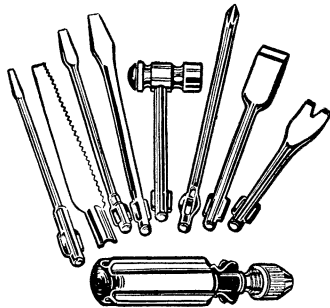
It is the essence of my thesis that there is a deep and important paradox at the root of the scientific effort which every real scientist feels instinctively but which has been made far too little known publicly.

The control and the fashioning of the tools of power are powerful pragmatic attributes of science in our immediate world today. But they are not the reasons for the deep intellectual ferment from which modern science was born in seventeenth-century Europe, or by which it lives today.

It was not for considerations of practicality or power that Kepler remained absorbed for so many years in those studies of conic sections which fascinated him deeply and in which he excelled all his contemporaries, but which no contemporary would have

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**ELEMENTARY THEORY OF NUCLEAR SHELL STRUCTURE**—Maria Goepfert Mayer and J. Hans D. Jensen—Wiley, 269 p., illus., \$7.75. The state of nuclear physics today, the authors comment, is somewhat analogous to that of the concepts of the structure of matter before quantum mechanics.

**ENJOYING HEALTH**—Evelyn G. Jones—Lippincott, 2d ed., 434 p., illus., \$3.40. A senior high school text based on findings of the Denver study on health interests of children, such as how to promote attractive appearance and physical fitness.

**GRADUATE EDUCATION FOR WOMEN: The Radcliffe Ph.D.—Faculty-Trustee Committee**—Harvard University Press, 135 p., illus., \$3.50. This book, centered on those with a doctor's degree from Radcliffe College, attempts to answer two questions: what service to society may be expected of women with a Ph.D. and how graduate education can most effectively increase the value of that service.

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**HOW TIME IS MEASURED**—Peter Hood—Oxford University Press, 64 p., illus., \$2.75. A history of timekeeping, from the early water

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**A MODERN INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICS**—John E. Freund—Prentice-Hall, 543 p., illus., \$8.00. A college text with emphasis on basic concepts and ideas and the abstract nature of mathematics.

**MORE PLEASE**—American Dietetic Association, 6 p., illus., paper, 3 cents. What children should eat and what they will enjoy eating.

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**A QUEST INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES OF CANCER OF THE LUNG**—W. C. Hueper—Govt. Printing Office, U. S. Public Health Service, Public Health Monograph No. 36, 54 p., illus., paper, 45 cents. Showing the relation between various chemicals, including such air pollutants as soot, petroleum oils, gasoline and diesel engine exhaust, and lung cancer, but indicating that the evidence is insufficient to blame smoking.

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT SYSTEM: Legal and Economic Conflicts in American Patent History**—Floyd L. Vaughan—University of Oklahoma Press, 355 p., \$8.50. The judicial concept of patentability differs from that of the Patent Office, the author indicates, to such an extent that a high proportion of the adjudicated patents are held invalid.

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