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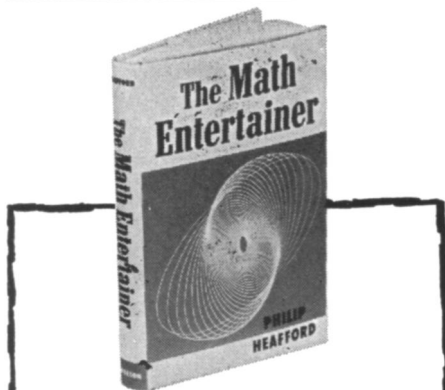
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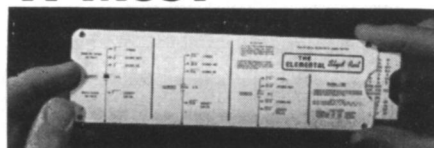
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**STANDARD REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**—Stephen Michael Elonka and Quaid Walton Minich—McGraw, 253 p., illus., \$6.95. Handbook for plant maintenance.

**THE STORY OF POLLINATION**—B. J. D. McEuse—Ronald, 243 p., illus. by Hilda Kern, \$7.50. Botanist's readable account of the many ways in which nature attends to flower pollination.

**THE STORY OF YOUR BRAIN AND NERVES**—Edith Lucie Weart—Coward-McCann, 63 p., illus. by Alan Tompkins, \$3. Clear and simple description of the intricate communications system of our bodies.

**TAC: The Story of the Tactical Air Command**—Leverett G. Richards, foreword by Gen. O. P. Weyland—Day, 254 p., \$4.50. About the various divisions of TAC and the functions of its pilots.

• Science News Letter, 80:340 November 18, 1961

## Questions

**MEDICINE**—How many cancer patients will probably receive the benefit of cancer chemotherapy this year? p. 334.

**SPACE**—What are the advantages of fluorine as a space propellant? p. 331.

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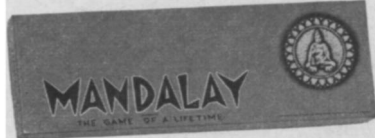
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