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Science Teaching

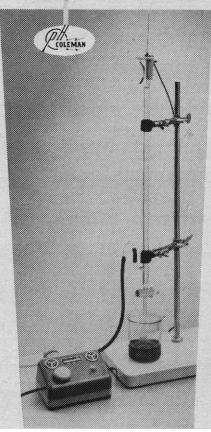
The report by Howard E. Gruber, "Science teachers and the scientific attitude" [Science 132, 467 (19 Aug. 1960)], focuses attention on a critical problem in the preparation of science teachers.

In what ways can teachers be equipped to change the pattern of science instruction from one involving the mere cataloging of isolated scientific facts to one which reveals how scientists make use of the power of the human mind to perceive, think about, and eventually integrate seemingly unrelated arrays of impressions into broad conceptual schemes?

With the rate of growth of knowledge constantly increasing, the teacher who tries to present a body of facts (biology, chemistry, physics) without evoking some degree of understanding and appreciation of unifying fundamentals is bound to lead his students into a morass of frustrating confusion.

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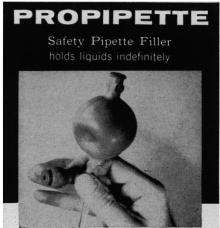
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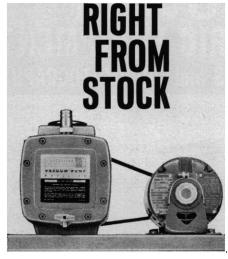


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Teachers with such training will make sure that students do not get the impression that all the major discoveries already have been made; that the basic facts and principles of science are unchangeable; that there is nothing left for them to do but to learn about what others have done. Instead, these teachers will engender the feeling that there is always more to explore; that the road to discovery is wide open; that the horizons of science are unlimited.

Teachers with such training will know how to use curiosity to generate in their classrooms the kind of provocative stimuli that impel research scientists to pit their minds against the challenges of nature. They will know how to establish a free atmosphere in which individual initiative and ingenuity can flourish and in which each student is encouraged to express his own ideas no matter how far-fetched they may seem.

In Walden, Thoreau expressed the idea that "if a man does not keep pace with his companions perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears however measured or far away." What would be the impact on student interest and growth if this idea were to be adopted as one of the foundation stones of science instruction?

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Pseudo Science and Censorship

The letter by H. C. Dudley on "Pseudo science and censorship" [Science 132, 378 (12 Aug. 1960)] requires additional comment in rebuttal. Dudley makes a plea for fairmindedness and questions the right of anyone to censor another's pronouncements as being "preposterous" or "crackpot."

Although examples may be quoted wherein reputable discoveries were denounced by contemporaries, examples of the reverse are truly legion. For an excellent compendium of wild ideas, crazy machines, crackpot inventions and theories, and general "magic black box" hoaxes, one may well read Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science, by Martin Gardiner (Dover, New York, 1957).

Gardiner sets up a rather useful group of ground rules for separating