

been the case had he drunk water, because of the dehydration involved, and death was hastened.

In any case, it seems of interest that the lack of an adequate amount of an essential food like protein is likely to be accompanied by more pain than starvation without any food or water.

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Training of College Teachers

I note in your editorial "Real professionalism" [*Science* **132**, 439 (19 Aug. 1960)] that the National Education Association is now attempting to impose state licensure and a requirement "to study the theory and practice of education in the course of their professional education" on college and postgraduate educators.

I have long been disenchanted with the training too many of the school educators receive at the "teachers colleges," whose curriculum is so heavily laced with courses on how to teach but seems so weak in the subjects to be taught. Are we now to inflict the same "uniformity" (or is it mediocrity) on the collegiate instructors?

Perhaps I am too naive in my belief that the two essential characteristics of a good teacher are (i) enthusiasm and (ii) thorough knowledge of and interest in his subject.

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Brain Dysfunction

A report by Wells and Wolff [*Science* **131**, 1671 (1960)] offers a slim but adequate excuse for me to make some remarks which I have been saving up for some time.

The authors cite a fascinating experi-

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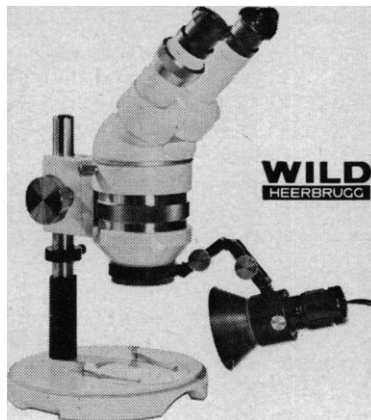
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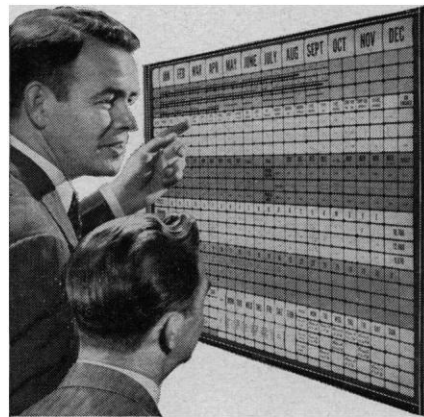
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