

than one's own. Certainly a saving of 10 percent is in most cases too easy for words.

There is, moreover, the question of the selection of material. Rigorous refereeing is not to be equated with censorship. No paper is likely to suffer from the rough or tender attention that a pair of eyes bestows on it before publication. If editors are afraid to sacrifice copy to quality, then they may be justly said to be contributing to the consumer's difficulties.

However, the most far-reaching effect on the damming of the information cataract is one which involves collaboration between the scientific journals themselves. They need to communicate with one another. If each journal were to inform other journals of the receipt of a paper, there would be time for consolidation of the results of two or more studies before publication. The number of scientists at present still manages to exceed that of journals, and contact may be easier to achieve indirectly by this than by any other means. Such inter-journal collaboration might add a little to the delay of publication. At the same time, it would enable editors to form a picture of the relative importance of a contribution irrespective of the referee's comments.

The chance of producing a more accomplished work would increase. The consumer would be rendered an additional service, and the saving of time and effort entailed would more than compensate for its cost. Even if journals were to lose from transferring copy to an earlier recipient, they would gain on quality. Who knows? By reducing duplication and question and answer papers, they might find room for new ventures.

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### That Biblical Spider: The End of The Series

Here is the final version, because it is also the original version. The original text in Hebrew (Book of Tehilim 90:9) reads:

כִּי כְלִי־יָמִינוּ פָּנוּ בְּעִבְרֹתָהּ.  
פְּלִינֵנוּ שְׁנִינֵנוּ כְּמִוְרָה־גִּהָהּ.

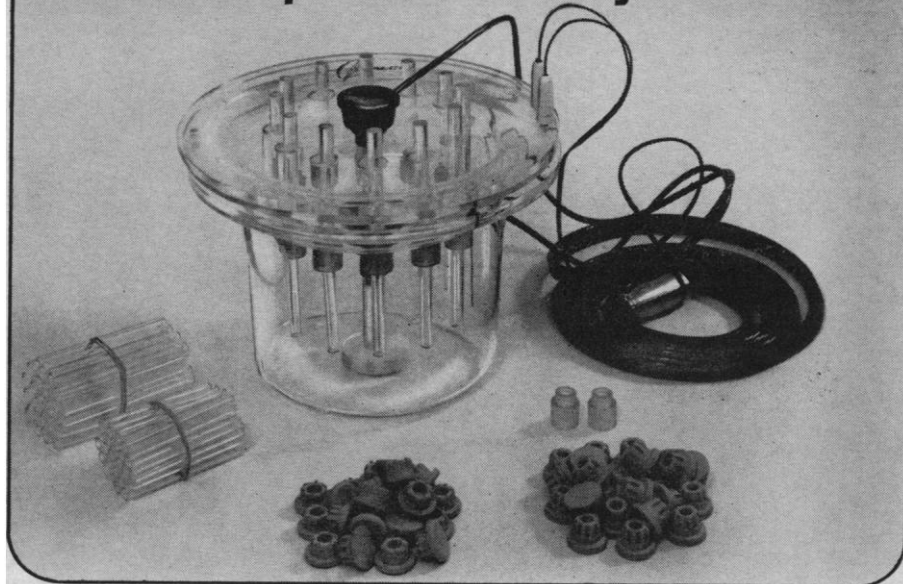
There is no sign of a spider.

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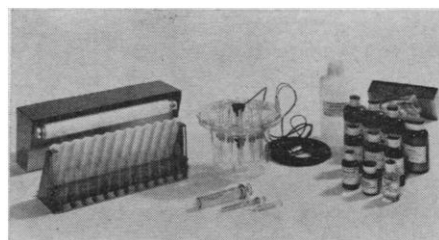
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