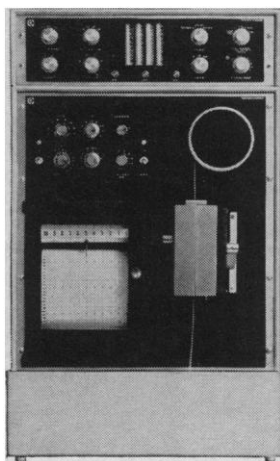


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the letters columns is in the interest of science and scientists, as well as of the few fuddy-duddies, in spite of what they say. Further, the humor in Bowne's letter is a definite step forward.

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Surely Bowne is aware that brains and bowels are as potently inter-influential in scientists as in other complete men.

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## Conflict in Medical Ethics?

Despite Levy's objections to the ethics of his military assignment, the oath taken by military officers does not conflict with the ethics of the medical profession. (News and Comment, 9 June, p. 1346).

The statement adopted by the American Medical Association's House of Delegates in June 1967 stated that the "oath, applicable to medical and other officers, provides that all officers shall support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that they will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and that they take such obligation freely and without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. There is nothing in this oath which conflicts in any way with the ethics of the medical profession."

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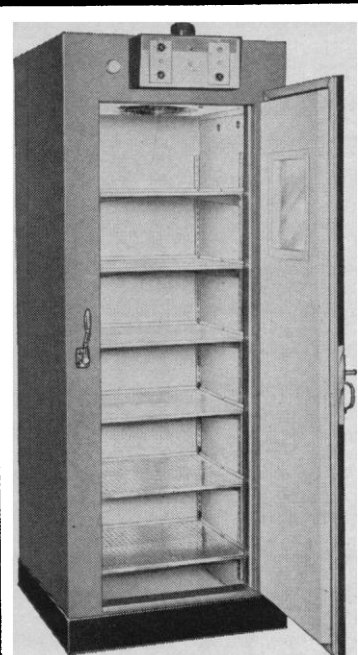
## Tenacious Jargon

In "The fuzziness of 'fuzz'" J. F. A. McManus wittily criticizes a new expression used in electron microscopy and electron microscopical jargon in general (Letters, 4 Aug.). I wonder, first, if it is of any use to attempt to eradicate jargon and, second, how reasonable McManus' criticism is.

With regard to my first question, it is interesting to note that there is almost no human activity—in science, technology, or sports—in which a particular jargon is not used. This is not necessarily an evil, as one example may

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