

against the obliterating consequences of a certain type of modernization. Rousseau, our *bête noir*, shows us that it is very hard to have the anthropological consciousness without having one's heart broken, but that is no excuse for a paralysis of the will.

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True Genius Kindles

The announcement (8 Dec., p. 1345) of an AAAS symposium on Michael Faraday uses the phrase, "Despite his lack of formal education. . . ."

This is the sad fate of pioneers. Heinrich Hertz had no formal courses in electromagnetic theory, nor did James Clerk Maxwell. Lord Rayleigh was exposed to few courses in acoustics. Jacques Yves Cousteau never had formal education in undersea exploration.

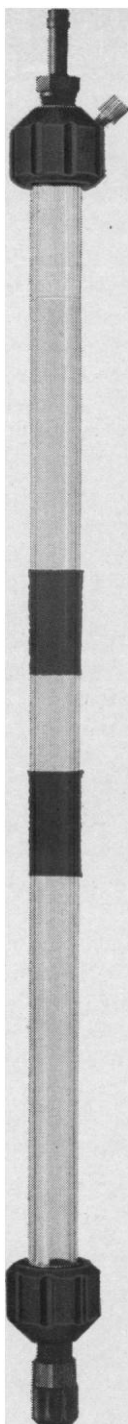
Who are the followers and who the leaders—teachers or students?

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Doctors, Patients, and Malingerers

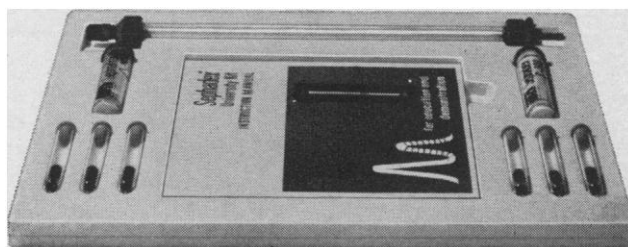
Dutton can't believe that people ever *want* to be hospitalized (Letters, 29 Dec.). Ho! Ho! Ho! I don't know where he works, but I'd wager it is not in the area of patient care. Sooner or later, every hospital and every physician makes the acquaintance of a person who *likes* hospital life. If you can afford it, and you are not very sick, it has its enticements: sympathetic people dedicated to taking care of you, and a routine which functions without any effort on your part (hot water bottles and fruit juice on request, meals served in bed with no dishes to wash, back-rubs, and clean sheets and housecleaning done by someone else). This actually appeals, if only temporarily, to the lonely and the tired—ask any mother of small children! The real malingerers will put up with the inconveniences and pain to carry out their deception.

Furthermore, it is not rare to find the malingerer not stopping with symptoms that require only x-rays or aspirin. Some submit willingly not only to having blood drawn (which is not really all that traumatic), but to spinal taps, cystoscopy, orthopedic braces, and even



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