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### Gliding over Antarctica

I have read Nelson's fascinating account, "Science in Antarctica" (26 Jan., p. 407). One of the pictures shows a lenticular cloud over the mountains of Ross Island. Such clouds are not "unusual formations" over mountains. In fact, they are well known and eagerly sought after by glider pilots as evidence of a "wave" which can carry a glider to considerable heights (depending on the height of the mountain and the strength of the wind). I wonder if exploration of such phenomena using a glider as vehicle has a place in the overall program. If so, I would gladly offer my services and even my own two-seat sailplane. All the Navy has to do is to take me there. Soaring anyone?

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### UFO Iconography

I am very fond of Clarke's First and Second Laws, but something seems to be wrong with his Third Law; or perhaps it should be phrased differently ("Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic," Letters, 19 Jan.). Magic can usually be



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