

(against humans). This would place it, I am confident, well above the median strength of *Science*-reading chess players.

HERBERT A. SIMON
5818 Northumberland Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217

Reference

1. A. Newell, J. C. Shaw, H. A. Simon, *IBM J. Res. Develop.* 2, 320 (October 1958); also reprinted in *Computers and Thought*, E. A. Feigenbaum and J. Feldman, Eds. (McGraw-Hill, New York, 1963), pp. 39-70.

Revising the Publication Process

Contrary to Woodford (Letters, 12 June), Brown *et al.* (1) did not propose putting scientific articles on microfilm and providing "hard copies" only on request. Instead we argued specifically against such an idea and proposed a change in the form of journal distribution.

J. F. TRAUB
Computing Science Research Center,
Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.,
Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974

Reference

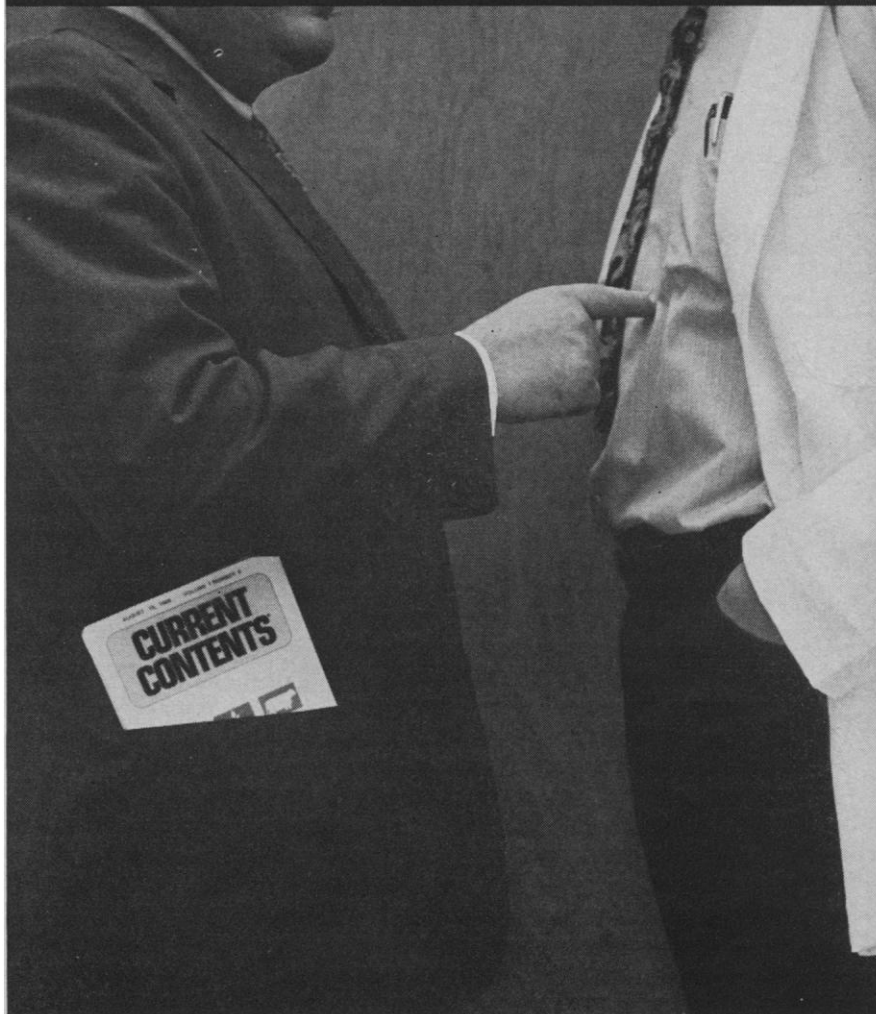
1. W. S. Brown, J. R. Pierce, J. F. Traub, *Science* 158, 1153 (1967).

Woodford's basic points on "Inflexible page charges" are very well put. However, his remarks that editions of journals in microform or microfiche "remain cumbersome to read or consult" seem to be a personal opinion. Our experience here, confirmed by others in industrial-research laboratories, has demonstrated that editions of primary and secondary journals in the form of 16-mm microfilm in cartridges are easier to use than bound volumes of journals, save readers up to 50 percent of their time as against the use of bound journals (including making copies on microfilm reader-printers), and are popular with researchers who do their own information studies. Some hundreds of libraries have already replaced their bound volumes of *Chemical Abstracts* with the microfilm edition in cartridges, and the number of primary journals becoming available in this format is increasing rapidly. Woodford's experience must have been based on the use of 16-mm microfilm reels not in cartridges. For these, "cumbersome" is a mild term.

BEN H. WEIL
Technical Information Section,
Esso Research and Engineering Co.,
Linden, New Jersey 07036

14 AUGUST 1970

Does your colleague know something you don't know?



Check his pocket.

If you see a copy of "Current Contents" there, you can bet he does. That pocket-sized weekly publication reproduces the contents pages of every important journal published here or abroad in your field. All he has to do is scan *Current Contents* for comprehensive current awareness. If he sees something especially interesting, he sends off a card to us for original tear sheets of the article, or corresponds directly with the author, whose name and address is included.

Shouldn't you know as much as he does?

©1970 ISI®

There are seven editions of *Current Contents*, one or more specifically in your field. Check the one(s) you're interested in and we'll send you a sample copy along with full details, including advantageous group and educational subscription rates.

Current Awareness in Your Pocket

isi® Institute for Scientific Information <small>325 CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106, USA 132 HIGH ST., UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX, UK OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; PARIS, FRANCE; TOKYO, JAPAN TELEPHONE: (215) 923-3300. TELEX: 84-5305. CABLE: SCINFO</small>	
I am interested in Current Contents® S 8/14-0.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural, Food & Veterinary Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral, Social & Management Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering & Technology
Name/Title _____	
Your Discipline _____	
Organization _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Country* _____	

*European subscribers receive special air mail service without cost.