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Mr. Wonderfull's Surprise

Constance Holden's report "Food and nutrition: Is America due for a national policy?" (News and Comment, 3 May, p. 548) refers to "meetings [between nutritionists and] General Foods officials" about a cereal called Mr. Wonderfull's Surprise. She apparently got her generals confused. General Foods makes no such product, but General Mills does.

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Landlubbing Admiral?

In Bruce C. Heezen's review (8 Feb., p. 504) of A. Hallam's book *A Revolution in the Earth Sciences* (1) the late Harry H. Hess is referred to as (in 1960) "the then-landlubber Princetonian geologist." Rear Admiral Hess, USNR, was such a low-keyed man that his modesty probably prevented some "high-seas" folk from realizing that, during World War II, he arranged for the preservation of data from recording fathometers on U.S. naval vessels plying the seas for other than oceanographic purposes.

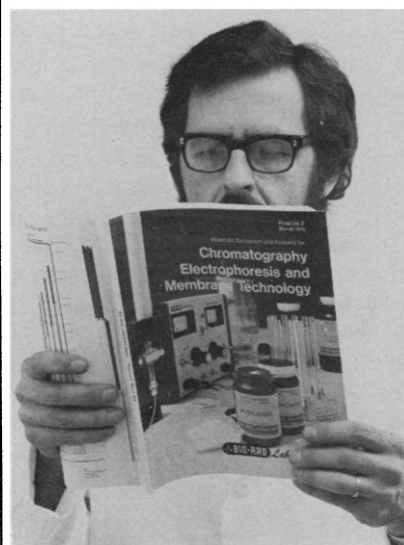
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The numerous important accomplishments and renowned abilities of the late Harry Hammond Hess were so solid and impressive that it would be sad to see his substantial record replaced by a fanciful legend. Contrary to what Hallam states in his book, Hess was not a submarine commander. He did command a World War II supply vessel (U.S.S. *Cape Johnson*) and ran a fathometer when the ship's mission took him to the unsounded areas of the western Pacific. To the flat-topped seamounts which abound there,

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