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### Food and Flavor

Concerning the report on radiation flavor by M. P. Drake, B. J. Kroll, and F. J. Pilgrim [*Science* 132, 1394 (11 Nov. 1960)], may I suggest that the "representative tasting panel" whose responses might enable us to foretell something about "consumer acceptance" be augmented by such invaluable members as a cat and a rook (or any other member of the raven family). In my experience these animals, if copiously supplied with food and given an *embarras de choix*, turn into finical connoisseurs. And, whatever their prejudices may be, there can be no question of partiality against radiation.

Advanced efforts in food technology remind one that ours is a period of transition from mass-produced, mass-distributed, and prefabricated foods toward worse to come. Would it perhaps be desirable, for the benefit of later generations of scientists bound to take an interest in the nature of foods so often referred to in documents of all times up to the present, to stow away a representative selection from all over the world in some remote corner of the Antarctic?

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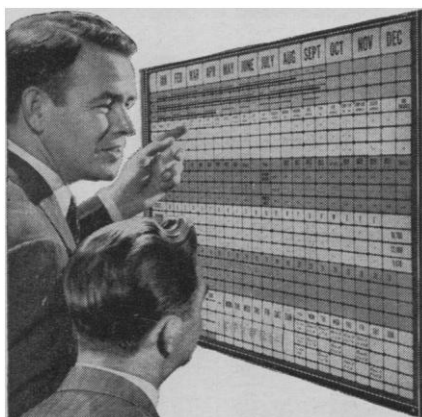
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During this period the directory has never had financial help in the form of a grant, though it is a marginal publication insofar as profits are concerned. In 1948, after World War II, prices spiraled, making it necessary to ask those included to help make ends meet. The results were gratifying, and through such contributions publication of *American Men of Science* was continued.

I find it desirable to again approach those included for additional funds. The price of the four volumes that cover the physical and biological sciences is high for an individual; after test mailings of the A-E volume, the number of