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book on nutrition advised the audience to beware of food grown with "chemical fertilizer." This reminded me of the answer given by a freshman just enrolled in a chemistry class to the question: Are the nitrogen and oxygen in air present as a physical mixture or as a chemical compound? He wrote, "Air cannot be a chemical compound, because chemistry was not invented for thousands of years after the Creation."

The boy had only begun to study chemistry and presumably soon learned that synthetic ammonia is the same stuff as ammonia from steer manure, but there are multitudes who shy away from chemistry and easily become the dupes of those who prey upon ignorance. The rise of the cult of "organically" grown food is one more example of the fact that some minds are more open to superstition than to knowledge.

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Women Physicists

The Roster of Women Physicists, for which information was obtained by questionnaires circulated last fall, has just been printed by the American Physical Society (1). A supplement to update the present roster is in preparation, and women now listed are being sent new questionnaires. We urge women physicists who have not yet filled out a roster questionnaire to obtain one promptly by writing to E. Baranger, Committee on the Status of Women in Physics, at the address given below.

The term "women physicists" is meant to include women with the B.A., B.S., or a higher degree who are actively engaged in work related to physics and also women with advanced degrees in physics who are working in areas not related to physics or are not presently working.

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