among the former ruling classes (3), the in-depth pedigree data necessary to validate presumed historical mating patterns has not been forthcoming and probably does not exist. Under such circumstances, calculations based on the premise of consistent fertility differentials through time in a homogeneous population at equilibrium have limited practical application.

Contrary to the prediction of a reduction in detrimental alleles as a result of inbreeding, the results of both neonatal screening (4) and diagnostic studies on infants and children in hospital (5) indicate that the current incidence of deleterious recessive alleles in the South Indian gene pool is comparable to those reported in outbred populations. Because we have no knowledge of primary gene incidences in the constituent subpopulations of the region, speculation regarding the intensity of elimination of detrimental alleles from the gene pool does not appear to be useful. More important, the divergence between theoretical expectation and observation in this population serves to emphasize the need for further detailed studies to improve our understanding of the overall consequences of human inbreeding. ALAN H. BITTLES

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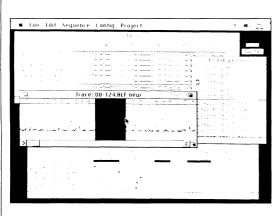
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Erratum: In Albert Moyer's review of Physics and the Rise of Scientific Research in Canada (11 Oct., p. 314), two lines were inadvertently omitted from the end of the next-to-last paragraph. The sentence affected should have read, "Key players included Ernest Rutherford ... and John C. McLennan, who helped build the flagship physics program at the University of Toronto."

Erratum: In the report "Oscillations of cytosolic sodium during calcium oscillations in exocrine acinar cells" by Monica M. Y. Wong and J. Kevin Foskett (15 Nov., p. 1014), the affiliation of the authors was inadvertently omitted. They are in the Division of Cell Biology at the Research Institute, Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1X8. Correspondence should be sent to Dr. Foskett.

Erratum: In the Erratum of 1 November (p. 631) correcting figure 2 of the report "Regulation of transendothelial neutrophil migration by endogenous interleukin-8" by A. R. Huber et al. (4 Oct., p. 99), the y-axis was incorrectly labeled. It should have read, "IL-8 (nM)."

Erratum: The radar image of Venus reproduced on page 803 of the 8 November issue was improperly oriented. The page should be rotated one-quarter turn clockwise for the proper orientation.



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