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EDITORIAL



" Now , Mr. Edwards, I know that you believe you understand what you think I have said, but I'm not sure you realise that what you hear is not what I mean. "

If we haven't got across, verbiage goes against our grain. Keep it short and simple (KISS, for short) is what we stand by. If it hues of what Henry Ford of Model-T fame once said " They can have it in any colour as long as its black," — we have chosen to remain ALIVE to suggestions.

Hope you enjoy this issue. Whether or not you enjoy future ones depends entirely on you — have you ever thought of it? So contribute and contribute now. If you're wondering how, when and what to contribute, read on.

HOW TO WRITE

Take any four-digit number - try 1969 for example - and compose your statement by selecting the corresponding phrases from the following tables (1 from TABLE A, 9 from TABLE B, etc.,)

TABLE A

1. It has to be admitted that
2. As a consequence of inter-related factors,
3. Despite appearances to the contrary,
4. Until such time as fresh insight reverses the present trend,
5. Using the principle of cause and effect,
6. Presuming the validity of the present extrapolation,
7. Without wishing to open Pandora's box,
8. It is now proven beyond a shadow of doubt that,
9. Worrying though the present situation may be,

TABLE B

1. willy-nilly determination to achieve success
2. construction of a high-energy accelerator
3. access to greater financial resources
4. pursuit of a Nobel prize
5. bubble chamber physics
6. a recent computation involving non semi-simple algebra
7. over-concern with the problems of administration
8. new measurements of eta-zero-zero
9. information presented in FOCUS

TABLE C

1. should serve only to add weight to
2. will inevitably lead to a reputation of
3. can yield conclusive information on
4. might usefully take issue with
5. must take into consideration
6. will sadly mean the end of
7. ought to stir up enthusiasm for
8. could result in a confirmation of
9. defeats the current thinking regarding

TABLE D

1. the need to acquire further computing capacity.
2. humanitarian concern with the present ceiling.
3. the Veneziano model.
4. a design which produces collisions at a later stage.
5. Macbeth's instruction 'Throw physic to the dogs.'
6. divergencies in weak interaction theory.
7. the desire to ensure that certain scientists go far.
8. boot-straps, conspiracies, poles and dips.
9. the future of physics in Europe.

WHEN TO WRITE

Any time you're feeling jobless, which we bet is most of the time.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU WRITE

Make a bee-line to your hostel contact.

Hostel contacts are:

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| 1. MANDAK: D. ANANT (262) | 7. NARMADA - SASHIDHAR (134) |
| 2. GANGA: GEORGE VALIATH (336) | 8. TAPTI - BONG (356) |
| 3. JAMUNA: SHANKER M N (320) | 9. CAUVERY - S. RAVI (245) |
| 4. GODAV: VENKATESH K (347) | 10. KRISHNA - GANESH (144) |
| 5. SARAS: A. SRIDHAR | 11. BRAHMS. - TIMMY BALRAJ (362) |
| 6. SARAYU: KAMALA. R | |

Everything should be made as simple as possible but not simpler - A. Einstein

UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE

I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar and my wife told me to empty the contents of every bottle down the sink - or else! So I said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task. I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good old booze down the sink, except a glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth bottle and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and poured the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the next cork-

out of my throat, poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass, then I corked the sink in the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had emptied everything I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles and corks and glasses with the other, which were twenty-nine. To make sure, I counted them again, when they came to seventy-four. And as the house came by, I counted them again, and finally I had all the bottles and corks and glasses counted, except one house and one cork which I drank.

When I carefully consider the curious habits of dogs,
I am compelled to conclude that man is the superior animal.

When I consider the curious habits of man, I confess
my friend, I am puzzled.

— Erna Pound.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. THE SHORTEST POEM IN THE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF QUOTATIONS RUNS THUS:
"ADAM/HAD'EM". WHAT COULD THE TITLE BE? — ON THE ANTIQUITY OF MICROBES?
2. THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD 'SNOB'? — (WITHOUT NOBILITY), SINCE NOBILITY IS.
3. WHAT DOES 'PEREPALBEBRAL ECCHYMOSIS' MEAN? — 'BLACK EYE'.
4. WHAT ORDER WAS FOUND ON A QUEEN'S UNDERGARMENT? — 'THE ORDER OF THE HARPER'.
5. WHO WROTE THE POLL.: 'HE SPOKE WITH A CERTAIN WHAT-IS-IT-
IN HIS VOICE, AND I COULD SEE THAT, IF NOT ACTUALLY DISGRUNTLED,
HE WAS FAR FROM BEING GRUNTLED' — M.G.D.

THE TRIUMPH OF REASON

Behold the mighty dinosaur,
Famous in prehistoric lore,
Not only for his weight and length
But for his intellectual strength.

You will observe by these remains
The creature had two sets of brains -
One in his head (the usual place),
The other at his spinal base.

Thus he could reason a priori
As well as a posteriori.

No problem bothered him a bit
He made both head and tail of it.

So wise was he, so wise and solemn,
Enough thought filled just a spinal column.

If one brain found the pressure strong
It passed a few ideas along.

If something slipped his forward mind
'Twas rescued by the one behind.

And if in error he was caught
He had a saving afterthought.

As he thought twice before he spoke
He had no judgement to revoke.

Thus he could think without congestion
Upon both sides of every question.

Oh, gaze upon this model beast
Adjunct ten million years at least.

