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## Lick and Henry

In his excellent article in December (page 32), Richard Berendzen does not mention the important role Joseph Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, played in advising James Lick on the founding of the Lick Observatory. This information can be found in a book by Rosemary Lick.<sup>1</sup> The date of Joseph Henry and James Lick's first meeting and subsequent correspondence was obtained by her from letters in the Smithsonian Archives.

The mystery for the motivation behind Lick's decision to build the most powerful telescope in the world in 1873 is not solved by any of the letters, according to Nathan Reingold, Editor, Joseph Henry Papers, Smithsonian Institution.

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## No first for SIN

In reporting progress at the new meson factories (February, page 17) your reporter was all too quick to attribute a "first" to SIN. I am referring to the "first direct measurement of a nuclear spectroscopic quadrupole moment." The first measurement, which involved pionic tantalum,<sup>1</sup> was published about eight years ago by a group working at the now closed Carnegie Tech (later Carnegie-Mellon University) cyclotron. I am surprised that the original work was not cited in the recent SIN paper,<sup>2</sup> since Wade Sapp participated in both experiments. I find it sad how quickly we forget the work that has come before us.

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