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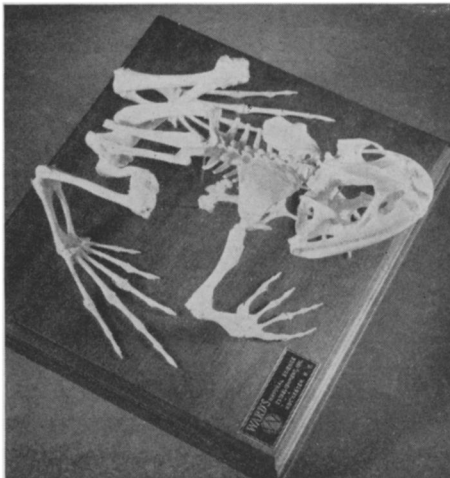
Very earnestly,
C. M. GOETHE

Dear Editor Vance:

Chief, I liked everything in the fall issues from *Seashore Inshore* and *Enzymatic Aid for Euglena*, to the "fears of Woolever" and *Across the Editor's Desk*. Carry on—we are with you!

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