LETTERS

No Working Class Left
Dear Sir:
I was interested in your editorial for Nov. 8, 1954, "The Chemist . . . As a Leader and As an Executive."
The only thing that bothers me is who is going to do the lowly experimental work when all of us are "aspiring"? So many chemists now are getting more "desirable positions" that it's tough to get even the titration run.

Harbor Beach, Mich.
G. V. Caesar

Hercules Is Pleased
Dear Sir:
Your article about the financial aspects of Hercules (C&EN, Feb. 7, page 564) is in keeping with the fine traditions of your publication and of your personal approach to such seemingly complicated problems.
Mr. Forster, Mr. Morrow, and the rest of us were more than pleased with the accuracy and skillful interpretation of the report and the prominence you gave to this annual occasion.

Wilmington, Del.
M. R. Budd

Hope for Ph.D. Potato Peelers
Dear Sir:
It may be of interest to the U. S. Army, including Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, as well as any potato peeling Congressmen, to hear my wife's suggestion. Frankly, I often wash dishes, but have never peeled potatoes during our 13 years of marriage. She simply says: Cook the potatoes with the peel on, after washing off the dirt. The best of the potatoes is next to the skin, and people also like to eat the skin. For those who don't, it is easier to peel them after the potatoes have been cooked.

I think this makes sense, and I feel reasonably sure the Army could purchase machinery to wash potatoes. Perhaps Herbert Hoover should be notified about this, so that savings could be effected in this vital part of the Government. I recall there were some incredibly high sums saved by eliminating the hole in a broom handle in the Army, as it was found no one hung them up anyway.

Malvern, Pa.
Carsten F. Boe

This Is the End!

Dear Sir:
Enough is enough. The shortest English word containing all five vowels, in their correct order, is "aerious," which will be found in the Oxford English Dictionary as a variant spelling for "aerose." Consonants in this word are also in alphabetical order!

Murray Hill, N. J.
Paul Bacher

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