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The Forum

TO THE EDITOR:

I am searching for information about, or locations of, any issues of any late-nineteenth or early twentieth-century publications that served as matrimonial bureaus. The few titles I have been able to find are *American Messenger* (Chicago), *Helping Hand* (Chicago), *Climax* (Chicago), *Wedding Bells* (Boston), *Messenger* (Stoughton, Massachusetts), *Cupid* (New York), *Personal* (New York), *Gunnel's Monthly* (Toledo), and *The Pilot* (or more likely *The ? ? ? Pilot*, the place of publication of which I do not know).

Any information about these or other such publications will be appreciated.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Professor Robert E. Cole and I are organizing a working museum of Georg von Békésy's scientific apparatus. One of the purposes of the museum is to provide an archives for those scientists and scholars interested in the nature and history of Békésy's scientific contributions to the study of primary and secondary sensory transduction processes.

We wish to collect all of Békésy's apparatus here for possible inclusion in our display, and we would appreciate learning the location of any equipment Békésy did not bring to Hawaii.

We are also interested in learning of the existence of Békésy's correspondence, especially if it relates to apparatus construction.

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TO THE EDITOR:

For development of a book on Civil War codes and ciphers, I seek information on the following subjects:

- (1) Anson Stager and Thomas T. Eckert, who were leading figures in the United States Military Telegraph, 1861-65, and were later high officials in the Western Union Telegraph Company. (I am looking for any of their personal papers relating to the war.)
- (2) The headquarters records of the U.S.M.T., which would contain invaluable materials such as code books, operator personnel records, and other administrative details. (These records may have been destroyed after the war, although surviving code books were used to decipher telegrams included in the *Official Records*. The only extant material is employee payroll records—interesting, but leaving a vast, tantalizing gap.)

Any information about the existence or location of applicable archives will be gratefully received.

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TO THE EDITOR:

I am researching the Anglo-Dutch-American petroleum industry in Mexico during the years 1884–1938. My study analyzes industrial development: exploration-production, transportation, refining, and marketing. It focuses on the relationships among the petroleum companies in Mexico, and on the petroleum sector within the Mexican economy. It further studies the problems of the Mexican revolution leading to expropriation.

Any documentation is pertinent: government and corporate records, geological reports, newspaper accounts, memoirs, diaries, trade papers and journals, correspondence, maps, and manuscripts. Oral documentation is also relevant. In addition, I am interested in finding sources of photographic materials pertaining to the petroleum industry.

I would greatly appreciate being referred to institutions and individuals anywhere who possess information pertinent to the petroleum industry and its development along the Gulf Coast, the Mid-Continent, and the California fields.

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