EDITORIAL

Revised Ordering

For several years, as many of our readers are aware, Physical Review Letters has followed the example of The Physical Review in ordering the contents of each issue according to subject matter. The precise scheme of this grouping process has, in large part, "jes' growed," with the result that a great deal of arbitrariness was built in. Thus, for example, superfluidity has been grouped together with space physics and statistical mechanics.

Beginning with the present issue, that situation will change. The editors of The Physical Review, with the helpful advice of several noneditorial colleagues and with considerable expenditure of time and mental effort, have devised an analytic subject index in which topics are grouped together in a manner that attempts to reflect more fully their conceptual relationship. This index is divided into six categories, and it is according to these six categories that Letters will hereafter be arranged in Physical Review Letters. They are General Physics, Atoms and Molecules, Fluids, Solids, Nuclei, and Elementary Particles and Fields. A more detailed listing of the contents of these categories is given in Phys. Rev. 136, AB4 (28 December 1964).

Of course, there will still be some occasional arbitrariness in the assignment of papers to the categories, especially when a paper relates to two

of them. Authors are encouraged to suggest which of the groups is appropriate for each Letter submitted—with the understanding that while every such suggestion will be carefully considered, any one may be overruled by the editors.

We hope that the new scheme serves to increase the usefulness of our journal. We welcome comments and criticism.

We take this opportunity to wish our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

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