

do this von Frisch procured from the United States a sheet of polarized film costing a few dollars.

Like many scientists, von Frisch had sometimes to walk through the Valley of Despair.

The road to assured results in experimental research is a long and arduous one, paved more often than not with tedious search for suitable methods, with errors and false starts leading nowhere, with doubts about the right procedure and worries about sources of error one might have overlooked, with disappointments and setbacks of every conceivable kind. It is a matter of temperament how one takes these things. Then and later I was often depressed and downcast for weeks if my work did not progress satisfactorily, and considered myself a failure. . .

Referring to a poem in German which might be paraphrased, "What one fool can do another can," he says:

This little gem of impudent wisdom was my lifeline once when depression threatened to swamp me.

At the close of his memoirs, von Frisch writes:

While we are children we live entirely in the present. Later we learn to look ahead. And when old age catches up with us we like to look back: back over a long winding road half shrouded in the mists of the past. Here we see it pass through a cold sunless valley where sheer impenetrable thickets threaten to bar the way; there it leads to lofty heights where beautiful vistas reward the pilgrim. And always there are flowers by the wayside, beautiful and strange.

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#### Erratum

An error appeared in the April-June issue of the *Journal* in the article "Development of a Vertebrate Experimental Model for Cellular Neurophysiologic Studies of Learning," by David H. Cohen. (*Conditional Reflex* 4:61, 1969.) On page 66 the second line reads: "but that the magnitude of the rate increase is inversely related to." The line should read: "but that the magnitude of the rate increase is directly related to."