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TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: At the International Exposition, Paris, 1900, the jury having in charge Group III., Class 15, Instruments of Precision, Medals and Medals, were very much impressed with the German exhibit. This exhibit was arranged in a different way from that used by any other nation. Germany made a joint exhibition of mechanicians and opticians, and arranged their apparatus in sections embracing certain classes of instruments, and thus departed from the usual custom of arranging the exhibits under various firms. This enabled the jury to see at once all instruments of the same kind grouped together in one case.

The German Association printed complete catalogues describing and illustrating the apparatus exhibited, and these catalogues and descriptions were of very great assistance to the jurors in making awards.

The catalogues printed an introduction, which gave in a very condensed form the history of the work done in Germany in improving the manufacture of instruments of precision. I enclose an English translation of this introduction furnished by the German Association, and suggest that it be published in full in SCIENCE, inasmuch as it shows by what methods the German mechanicians have been able to produce such splendid results.

J. K. REES,

Member of the Jury, Group III., Class 15.

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