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Highlights of the correspondence we received from readers in 2015.

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Voices of people living with impairment must be heard in CRISPR–Cas9 debate

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Months of academic toil weighed against shopping for a species name online

Plate tectonics: Continental-drift opus turns 100

Alfred Wegener's once-heretical theory paved the way for plate tectonics

Land reclamation: Halt reef destruction in South China Sea

A call to protect the coral home of threatened turtles, birds and fish larvae

Unwanted mutations: Standards needed for gene-editing errors

Community must forge guidelines for defining off-target changes to DNA

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Take the literature to pieces, then put the puzzle together again: gratifying work awaits

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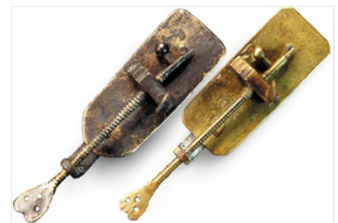
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