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# IS IT LIFE, JUST NOT AS WE KNOW IT?

### **Debate Rages Over Artificial Lifeform**

Dr Beesworth's expedition reports that they are engaged in a heated debate over the nature of life itself.

It transpires that Cog Master Tobias J. has become extremely exasperated at the difficulty of accessing some of the more remote and obscure parts of the temporal homing matrix in his efforts to repair the expedition's only means home. In addition to the physical difficulty there is also considerable danger in the approach to the ingress of the frictionless myocardonate platform due to the competing nature of

two opposing singularities. His obvious conclusion was to construct a mechanical device or devices which could perform the necessary adjustments.

After a number of barren attempts he successfully produced a device not dissimilar to an arachnid. The breakthrough came when he took the courageous decision to endow the contraption with a perpetual acquirements algorithm which he had been working on with Mr Charles Babbage prior to the untimely death of the aforementioned gentleman.

An unforeseen consequence of this would appear to be that the device has acquired at least some measure of sentience. Regretably it's first environment being a bar, The Yellow Book on York Place Brighton, the infernal machine, now dubbed Scutter, immediately developed a severe penchant for alcohol. In particular it hungered after a number of cocktails invented by Cog **Master Tobias** which also double as fuel for the Time Machine.

The team is split on whether Scutter represents a new life form or is simply an alcoholic android devoid of that essential, some would say divine, scintillation that represents true life.



much of the adorment of The Yellow Book has confined Scutter to a cage in the wall to prevent it attempting to consume customers drinks.

#### Daring Railway Robbery

A daring robbery was committed in Ponty-pridd yesterday when a safe was removed from Treforest Railway Station. The booking-office and waiting-room doors were also found burst open and all the loose cash was taken from the drawers. The safe was found fifty vards away on a steep embankment unopened.

money and valuable documents. **Felicitations** 

### from The Old Post

The Old Post notes that it is the occasion of the birthday of Lady Antonia Llewellyn Anderson (Lala to her friends and Dipsy behind her back). Lady Anderson is part of the intrepid team in The Yellow Book upon which this journal expends many column inches.

Her ladyship is a noted exponent of the art of molecular mixology, she has on occasion been referred to as the Aristocratic Alchemist. The Old Post extends its sincere congratulations and fervently hopes to be able to do so in person in the future.

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