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ERRATUM

In our Spring 1980 issue, the first full paragraph on page 9 should have read:

"In symbols there is some kind of likeness between signifier and signified; in signs there need be no such likeness." The definition of symbol advanced by the Oxford English Dictionary is thus sustained: "a thing regarded by general consent as naturally typifying or representing or recalling something by possession of analogous qualities or by association in fact or thought." "General consent," as will become clearer as we proceed, means consent in the human group in which the thing is regarded as a symbol. Signs, on the other hand, indicate meaning through arbitrary, conventional, though not irrational, links, and are especially involved in signaling systems. A sign is univocal, indicating one clear and distinct meaning. A symbol is, on the contrary, multivocal, that is, it bears many meanings.