

A Correction

On Jan. 13, 1933, "Topics of The Times," an editorial-page feature of The New York Times, dismissed the notion that a rocket could function in a vacuum and commented on the ideas of Robert H. Goddard, the rocket pioneer, as follows:

"That Professor Goddard, with his 'Chair' in Clark College and the patronage of the Smithsonian Institution, does not know the relation of action to reaction, and of the need to have

something better than a vacuum against which to react—is silly that would be absurd. Of course he only seems to lack the knowledge drilled out daily in high schools."

Further investigation and experimentation have confirmed the findings of Isaac Newton in the 17th Century and it is now definitely established that a rocket can function in a vacuum as well as in an atmosphere. The Times regrets the error.