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Dear Riddell,

Thank you for your letter, which gave me exactly the information I wanted as to monocular colour-blindness.

As you have mentioned the effects of tobacco to me fairly pointedly once or twice in the last few years, you may be interested that on dropping smoking almost totally about a month ago I did notice one change, namely that the defective area in my right eye, which formerly in the dark usually had a neon outline, is now undecorated, or plain gray. Is it possible that the illumination was occasioned by the progressive increase in the defective area, and that my austere abstinence has retarded, or even checked, its growth?

Yours sincerely,