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UPDATE: We will discontinue using quotation marks to identify parts of an article, but retain the capitalization; eg, This is discussed in the Methods section (not the “Methods” section). This change was made February 14, 2013. What would become of us if the delectur did not exist, sighed the proofreader. José Saramago We not infrequently are compelled to refuse publication to an article which contains valuable facts, but which is weighed down with so many imperfections as to discourage one as does the porcupine from closer investigation. JAMA The second quote, from a 1904 editorial in JAMA, certainly holds true today, but