WORKING WITH MOS DEVICES

The instructions for safe handling of MOS devices ("Senior Scientist Calculator," October 1975) don't seem quite right. Isn't it dangerous to ground yourself when working with electrical appliances? Shock can result from touching a point connected to the "hot" side of the ac line.—Douglas Peters, Jersey City, NJ.

Yes, you're right. The third step on page 38 should read: "Ground yourself; wrap a length of wire mesh around your wrist, connect the free end of the mesh to a 1-megohm resistor, and terminate the free end of the resistor at a cold water pipe if metallic plumbing joints are used in the system, or to the grounding screw of an electrical outlet."