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- Advantages of a real live person...
  - Reference interview
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  - Help locate an item in library

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Clarifying citations/references

Given source:
- Philosophical Magazine, 5 (31) 835-848
- Date: 1928 May

Actual source:
Just because you can’t find it in Google...

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- Older and/or foreign documents not online

- Access vs. availability
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