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Cover: A histological slide of the small intestine showing its finger like villi populated by absorptive enterocytes (red membrane, stained with alkaline phosphatase substrate) and mucus producing goblet cells (blue cells, Alcian blue stain). These cells are continuously replaced from a population of rapidly dividing cells in the crypts (brown nucleus, PCNA stain).


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Louis Pasteur, 1864.