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*The lamella is something extra-flat, which moves like the amoeba. It is just a little more complicated.*

*But it goes everywhere. And as it is something [...] that is related to what the sexed being loses in sexuality, it is, like the amoeba in relation to sexed beings, immortal—because it survives any division, any scissiparous intervention. And it can run around.*

*Well! This is not very reassuring. But suppose it comes and envelopes your face while you are quietly asleep.*

– Jacques Lacan

Lamella is the Latin name for a thin, flat plate or membrane. And it is Lacan's suggestive metaphor for the drive. Lamella is the immortal principle behind the mortal appearances, that which one cannot get rid of, that which keeps returning, the extra little piece of *je ne sais quoi* that cannot be boiled, burned, chopped up, or gnawed through – like a piece of aluminum foil that cannot be broken down, a stain that cannot be washed away, a turd that cannot be flushed. Lamella is also a journal of theoretical psychoanalysis.

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