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The earliest science museums presented collections of technological objects for scholarly perusal. In contrast, today's science-technology centers serve to educate the public. One of their goals is to inspire potential scientists, such as this young woman captivated by cosmic-ray tracks in a cloud chamber. To learn more about the evolution of the science museum and the goals and challenges of the 21 st-century science center, turn to the article by Alan Friedman on page 45. (Photo courtesy of the New York Hall of Science.)