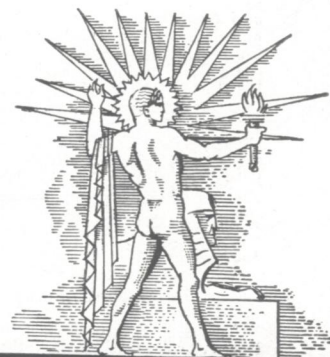


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Oils from crocodile fat are being studied by chemists in India in the hope of making scientific use of these oils industrially.

Potato bugs that spend the winter underground take "anti-freeze" precautions, by getting rid of one-third their weight in water, which otherwise would freeze and burst the body cells.

The elk's favorite weapon, his forefoot, is so powerful that a single blow has been known to break the back of a gray wolf.

Two Japanese scientists report that earthquakes in one part of Japan are most frequent when sun spots are at a maximum, and in another section earthquakes are numerous when sun spots are at a minimum.

Mistletoe, which attaches itself to other plants and robs them of food, has found its match in the creosote bush, which has the ability to withdraw the food in its stem, thus starving out the unwelcome parasite.

Africa has given treasure hunters of the world no less than 66 diamonds that weigh over 100 carats.

Only two students in American universities have won Ph.D. degrees in meteorology in the past ten years.

Fifty years ago, Thomas A. Edison built and operated an experimental electric railroad.

No one has yet produced ideal artificial sunlight, that is, sunshine having only the wave lengths present in natural light and in exactly the same proportions, the Engineering Foundation states.

The Rockefeller Foundation, through its researches, may be said to have cured more than ten million human beings of hookworm, largely through use of carbon tetrachloride.

Many modern cities have grown up on sites that Indians picked for their villages, chiefly because both Indian and white man recognized good places for habitation.

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