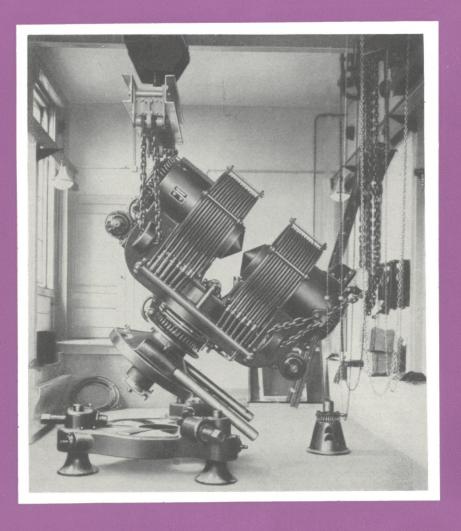
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## DO YOU KNOW THAT

Beet leaves are more valuable food than beet roots, but care should be taken in selecting only leaves which have no diseased or dead-looking areas.

A silk hosiery manufacturer is using scented lubricating oils in spinning thread; this gives the stockings a pleasant odor.

Smallpox patients confined in rooms which admit light only through a special red glass have less scarring than patients confined under ordinary light conditions.

The most beautiful of the poisonous snakes is the coral snake, which is marked with bright rings of scarlet, yellow and black.

A sheep's horns shrink in circumference with age.

"The greatest area of the earth still relatively unexplored is found in the deep oceans," writes Prof. Edwin G. Conklin of Princeton.

Vulcanized rubber is not waterproof.

Since protection has been given to whistling swans these birds have increased along the Atlantic coast from less than 1,000 to approximately 28,000.

Rock specimens brought back from the region of the South Pole by a geologist of the Byrd Expedition will be compared with rocks from South America and Australia to determine whether the Antarctic has any geologic relationship to nearby continents.

"A normal active adolescent boy should eat more than his father," says a Cornell University food expert.

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By Dr. M. M Leighton, chief of the Illinois State Geological Survey, Urbana, Ill.

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