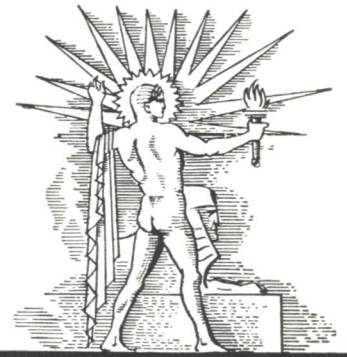
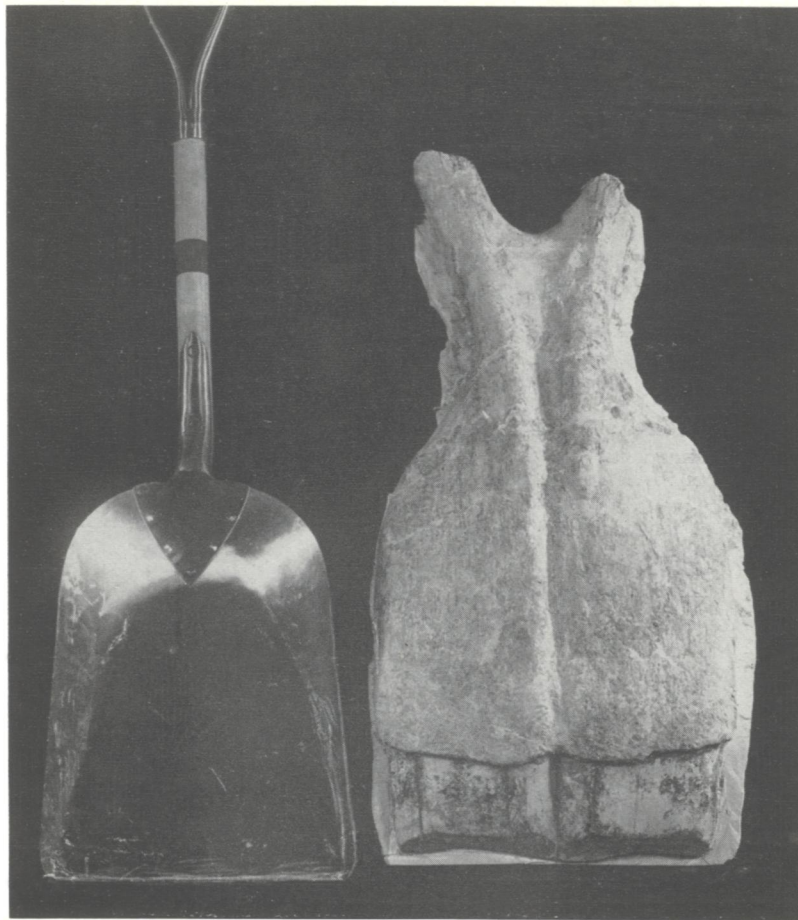


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Almost one-third of the wells that are drilled for oil and gas produce nothing.

In the grave of a child of the prehistoric Mayan Indians were found fore-runners of the talking doll—little dolls with whistles in them.

Ancient Damascus blades, traditionally referred to as superior and splendid weapons, were really made of steel not so good as that produced today.

Arctic terns are the champion long-distance travelers of the bird world, some of them flying 22,000 miles in the course of a year's migrations.

A weather expert says that when grown people reminiscently tell of the old-fashioned winters that were so snowy and stormy, they are thinking in childhood perspective: snow drifts waist deep to a child are only knee deep to an adult.

The earth's atmosphere weighs about 5,632,800,000,000 tons.

Smallpox was unknown in America before white men came.

Seventeen kinds of palms grow naturally in the United States.

One fine residence excavated in the ruins of Pompeii contained at least 40 rooms.

Manufacture of rustless iron on a commercial scale has been begun in England.

The title Pharaoh, given to kings of Egypt, comes from a word meaning "the great estate."

There are now three times as many airplane pilots in the United States as there are planes in civil or commercial operation.

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