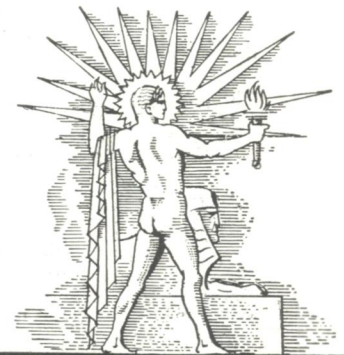
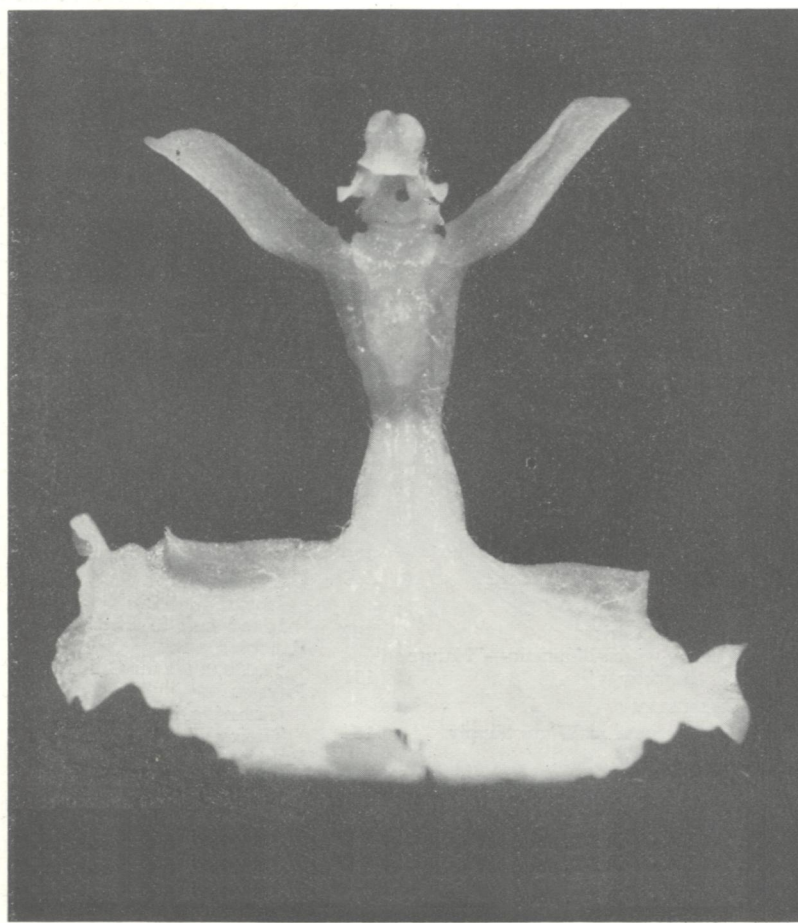


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Less than a century ago, in 1860, only three per cent. of the people of the United States lived in cities.

Japan averages four earthquakes a day, but gets a serious shock only about once in seven years.

A new method of picking fruit is to shake the ripe fruit from the tree and then to gather it from the ground with a suction machine.

Manganese is used in making window glass because it successfully fades out the brown tint caused by iron in the glass, leaving the glass clear white.

In one factory where electric clocks are made a stethoscope is used in detecting whether a timepiece is defective.

An organ with a bronze keyboard and silver pipes was found not long ago at the site of the Roman city Aquinicum, and is believed to date from the third century B. C.

In the State of Washington, bullfrogs are classed as "fur-bearing animals" in order that people may farm frogs under existing laws governing fur-farmers.

According to the 1930 census, there are 1,942 persons in the United States who are both blind and deaf.

Time lost in New York City because of traffic delays has been estimated at a money value of a million dollars a day; Philadelphia loses about \$400,000.

The world's largest snake is the reticulated python, found in the East Indies.

Painting inexpensive furniture to imitate the grain of costly woods was an old trick in ancient Egypt.

A Swedish statistician reports that the first year of married life is not so critical as popular tradition would have it, but that the time when marriages are likely to go on the rocks is during the fifth to the tenth years of wedded life.

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