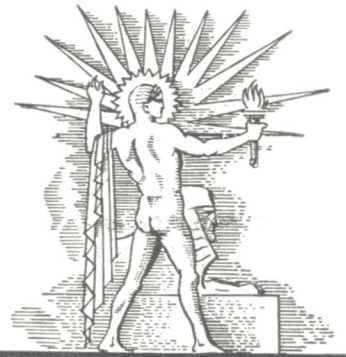


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## DO YOU KNOW THAT

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One big light and power company is using sawdust as its sole source of energy.

It is reported that an Austrian scientist has invented a match made of special chemicals and capable of being lighted 600 times.

A moving picture star recently "signed" a contract over long distance telephone, the agreement being recorded by talking moving pictures.

A thick London fog costs the shipping industry alone as much as a million pounds sterling in a day.

A "showboat" is to carry exhibits of British goods to more than thirty South American ports this winter.

In the courting season the bluejay sings a sweet love song very different from the harsh call usually associated with this bird.

Raw cabbage is the most abundant source of vitamin C in modern diet, says a home economics specialist of the University of New Hampshire.

Chlorine was discovered in 1774, by Carl Wilhelm Scheele, a Swedish scientist, when he poured concentrated hydrochloric acid upon manganese dioxide.

Government scientists find that when orange trees are sprayed with lead arsenate, the fruit loses much of its vitamin C content, and the chemistry of the juice changes.

Sir Humphry Davy named iodine from a Greek word meaning violet.

A giant mushroom that weighed 12 pounds was discovered recently in the Great Smoky Mountains; and while it was not poisonous, it was too tough for a table delicacy.

An Illinois report on the comparative causes of death in men and women finds that in one year 5,623 men died from accidents, suicide, and homicide, as compared with 1,846 women.

A Swedish chemist has discovered that a fireproof material can be produced from peat by treating it with dilute phosphoric acid.

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