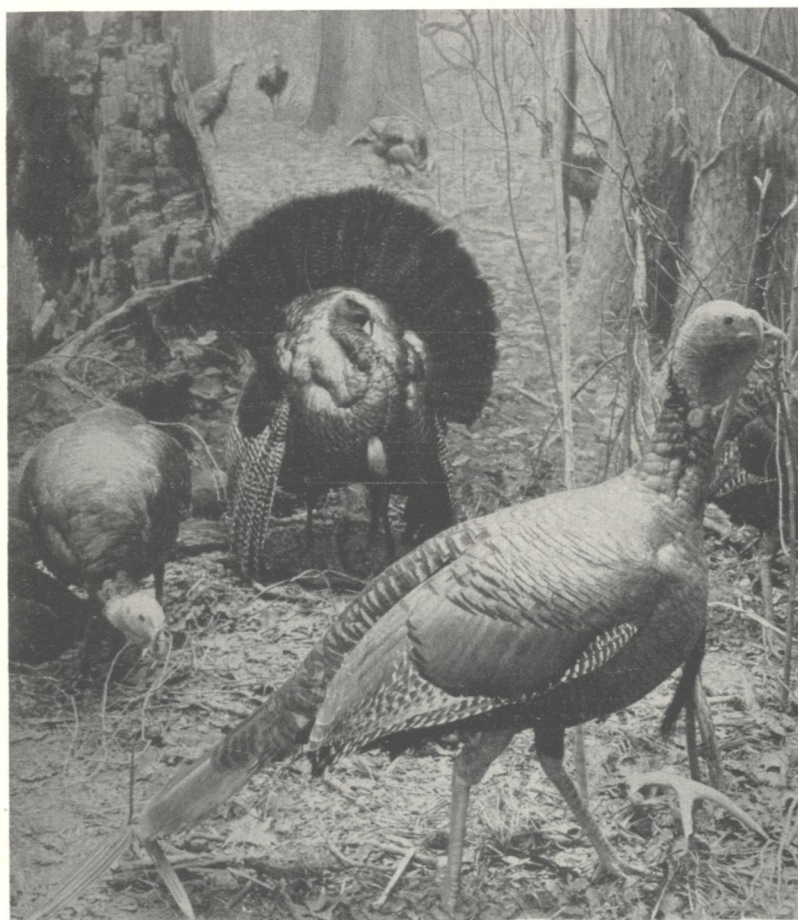
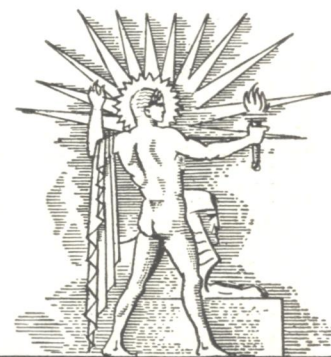


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## ? DO YOU KNOW THAT ?

X-ray pictures show that the heart of the Finnish sprinter Paavo Nurmi is three times the average size.

The riflebird is so called because its cry resembles the whizzing and striking of a bullet.

Recent tests show that one cause of leather book bindings' becoming rotten is the gases in the smoke from factories and locomotives.

There are only twelve letters in the Hawaiian language,—all the vowels and the consonants H, K, L, M, N, P, and W.

Young women 18 and 19 years old are the age group most subject to accidents in industrial work, according to a recent survey in New York.

The ears of the long-eared bat are almost as long as the combined length of its head and body, and may be curled forward and downward while the little animal sleeps.

The cashew "nut" is not really a nut, but is the seed of a fleshy fruit which grows on an evergreen tropical tree.

Dahlias were first imported into the United States with the idea of using the roots for food.

There is some evidence to indicate that the Roman mile was an invention borrowed from the Greeks.

It has been pointed out that bottles left in the woods by picnic parties may start forest fires if the sun's rays are concentrated by the curved glass.

Although jade is commonly thought of as being green or white, there is also black jade, and jade of greenish-yellow and sky blue.

The London Chamber of Commerce advocates uniform air markers for towns, the sign to be of white letters on black ground, letters to be 20 feet high and 16 feet wide and accompanied by an arrow pointing north.

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