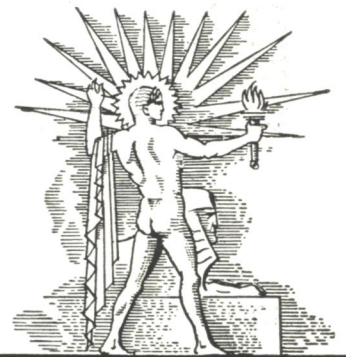


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A bullfrog tadpole does not mature for at least two years.

The highest waterspout ever recorded by the U. S. Weather Bureau was 5,104 feet high and was seen off New South Wales, May 16, 1898.

In a cemetery in Cologne, Germany, has been found a great deal of Roman glassware of rich colors, showing that Cologne was an early center of the glass industry.

The University of California has a 75-year-old woman student in its extension department, who has completed courses in French, German, and political science.

Molly Island, in Yellowstone National Park, is the most eastern breeding ground for the white pelican and at present has more than 250 nesting pairs.

Experiments show that there is no truth in the old fisherman's saying that talking will scare away the fish.

The mineral pyrite got its name from a Greek word meaning fire, because sparks are produced when pyrite is struck with iron.

Wild ducklings are being killed off in considerable numbers by a parasitic disease transmitted from one duck to another by biting black flies and buffalo gnats.

A new, promising method of preventing fruit juices from becoming cloudy is based on action of an enzyme that does not affect starches and proteins in the juice.

In the London Pharmacopoeia for 1667 appeared the item that "a flead mouse dried and beaten to powder and given at a time, helps such as have diabetes."

About 30 varieties of soybean are grown commercially in the United States, but at the Government experimental farm at Arlington, Virginia, more than 2,000 varieties are grown.

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