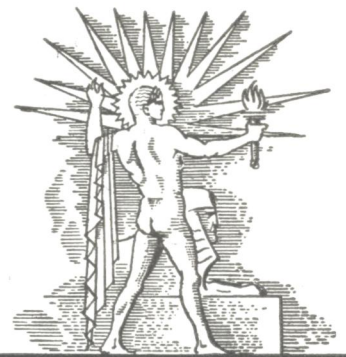


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

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The State of Virginia has approximately 3,000 miles of navigable fishing waters.

Autogiro boats are being introduced for naval service, both in this country and abroad.

All-metal bungalows made of steel and copper have been developed in Germany to sell for about \$1,000 exclusive of plumbing and other equipment.

An albino whitetail fawn has been observed in Glacier National Park, running with a normal colored doe which is believed to be its mother.

The ruby-throated hummingbird, smallest of our birds, flies 500 miles across the Gulf of Mexico on its spring and fall migrations.

A photo-electric tube is now used in one steel plant, to time the cutting of a shear that trims hot steel bars to the desired length.

A pelt taken in December is worth three taken pre-season.

Lignum-vitae got its name, "tree of life", because of a belief that its resin could cure serious disease.

The egg cell from which a whale grows is only twice as big in diameter as the egg cell that produces a mouse.

There were no muskrats in continental Europe prior to 1905; then a few were imported, and today there are said to be 100,000,000.

Citing the need for careful laundry practices, Canadian scientists point out that wool is an animal substance which may dissolve completely if washed incorrectly.

Tests made recently at Pennsylvania State College indicate that when a cloud of dust is blown into a room, 80 per cent. settles within two hours but some dust remains in the air after five days.

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