

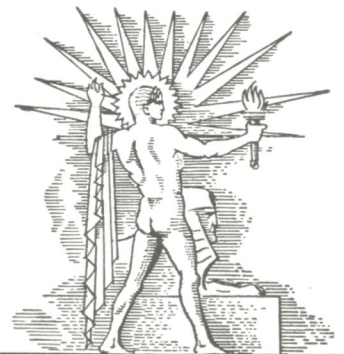
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DO YOU KNOW THAT

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Helium 99.96 per cent. pure has been produced in a government laboratory in Texas, an important advance, since increased purity of helium gives increased lifting power to airships.

Central Asia is becoming more and more arid, and the Gobi Desert is advancing steadily into northern China.

Cottonseed flour is gaining in importance as food, due to the fact that it contains vitamin B and G and other nutritive substances at relatively low price.

There is no modern dictionary or encyclopedia of mathematics in the English language.

The biggest frogs in the world are the Goliath frogs, whose bodies are about 12 inches long, exclusive of their powerful limbs.

Artichokes are produced commercially in the United States only in the fog belt along the California coast.

One reason for the rat's usefulness in scientific experiments is that a week in a rat's life is about equal to a year in the life cycle of a human being.

A sunflower plant requires about a quart of water a day, whereas a beech tree may need to drink as much as 80 quarts in the same time.

With all the advances made in fighting tuberculosis, this disease still takes more lives between the ages of 15 and 45 years than any other disease.

Garnets are generally associated with the color red, but these stones occur in almost every color except blue.

In ancient Egypt, the title "White House" was bestowed not upon the residence of the ruler but upon the treasury.

Rickets rarely develops in children earlier than the third month of life, and has usually done its work by the eighteenth month.

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