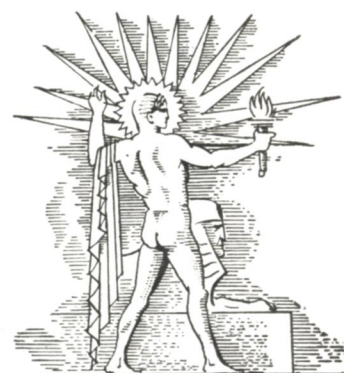
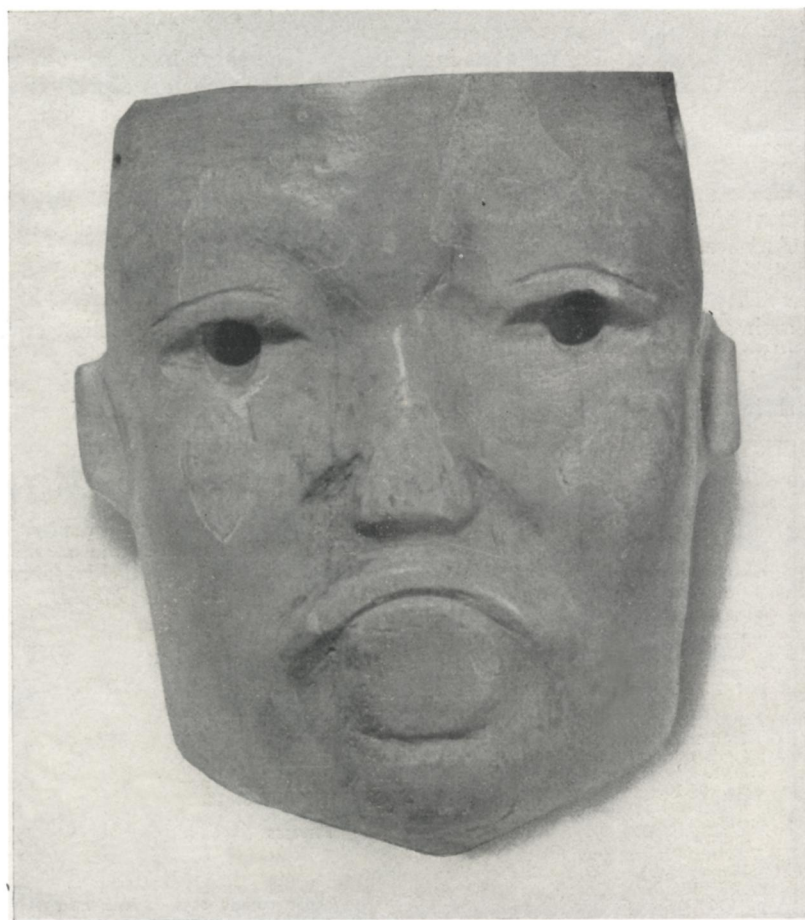


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

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Rayon is being produced experimentally from bamboo in India.

Mirrors exposed to strong sunlight will become cloudy.

Pear trees 126 years old are bearing fruit in an orchard at the mission of San Juan Bautista, in California.

The Prague Gas Works has developed what is said to be a substitute for asphalt.

Cactus plants, associated with western deserts, grow in at least one form in all the states except Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The lake formed by Hoover Dam on the Colorado river will be the largest artificial body of water.

It is reported that in one section of London inhabited by about 120,000 of the laboring classes, four times as much beer as milk is bought in a year.

Porous ebonite, made from latex, may be used in the manufacture of light rubber board for airplanes.

The Bureau of Standards finds that the production of sound-absorbing materials for offices and halls has increased fourfold in the past three years.

German chemists have devised a new moth repellent which is 90 parts soap and 10 parts sodium selenate.

The Field Museum has on exhibit a necklace of rock crystal beads said to be the only one ever found in the territory of the Mayan Indians, in tropical America.

The sugar in sweet corn will turn to starch much less rapidly if the corn is kept in a cool place while it is stored before cooking.

They had strikes in ancient Rome, such as the strike of the temple flute-players, who refused to play when denied their privilege of dining in the shrine of Jove—and they won the strike.

Studies of certain Mexican cactus plants are being made to determine whether their drug properties can be exploited commercially.

The "world's loneliest radio station" is on Willis Island, 400 miles east of Australia, where two operators keep and transmit weather records.

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