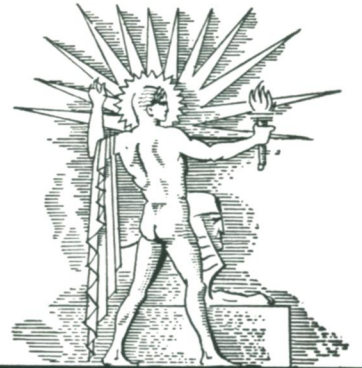
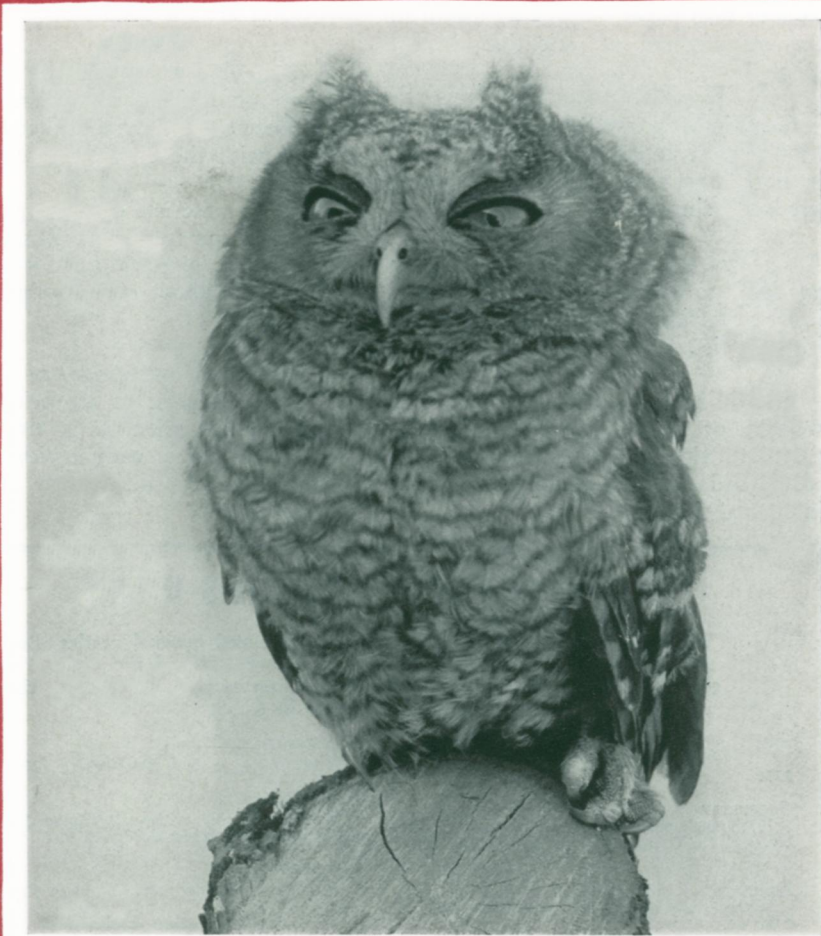


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

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Malaria takes 2,000,000 lives throughout the world each year.

Chemists have not yet succeeded in producing morphine synthetically.

National forests have been named in honor of Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Cleveland.

Practically all of Louisiana's area of 28,000,000 acres of land and water is potential territory for oil and gas.

Transparent steel, made of sheets thinner than paper, is proving useful in the manufacture of scientific instruments.

Geraniums grown experimentally in Florida were found to yield oils as fragrant for perfume purposes as those produced abroad.

Spiders do not seem to "know enough" to repair their broken webs, it appears from studies made by a British scientist.

Approximately 48,830,000 men and women, or almost exactly one-half of the population of the country ten years of age and over, are gainfully employed in normal times.

A new speed fuel for outboard motors is being produced.

Canaries and parrots are the only birds that may be kept in confinement in Missouri without a permit.

Although the world produces hundreds of varieties of bananas, only three kinds reach the American market in any quantity.

The native population of Australia has dwindled from about 300,000 in 1788 to 62,000 in 1930, or 80,000 if half-castes are included.

A solar observatory is to be set upon the top of Mt. St. Katherine in the Sinai Desert, possibly the mountain associated with the Ten Commandments.

London motorists are being offered gasoline in the form of bricks of solid petrol, which give off gas for running the engine without ever passing into a liquid state.

Experimental plantings of foreign and native grass seeds are being made by government scientists at five points in northern states, with a view to improving the hay and pasture crops of this section.

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