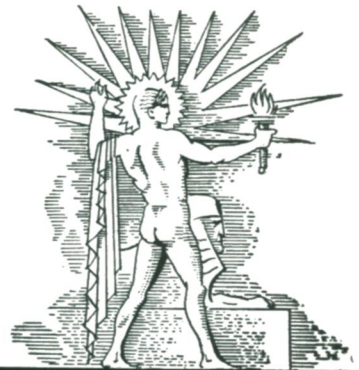


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? DO YOU KNOW THAT ?

Roots of the mandrake plant are said to be the oldest hypnotic known to man.

Soviet Russia is experimenting with making shoe soles of viscose.

The stomach capacity of a horse is only one-tenth that of a cow.

Charles Darwin observed that, with a few exceptions, the singers among birds are small species.

Day-blooming water lilies may be kept from "going to sleep" at night by a new method using paraffin.

A copper model of a two-wheeled cart unearthed in India is said to be older than the oldest wheels from Ur and Egypt.

Automobile graveyards on vacant lots may soon be things of the past, it is predicted, since the hulks can be converted into new steel by use of a new form of briquetted ferro-alloys.

The Soviet Union, which has the largest Arctic frontier of any country, has twenty polar expeditions of various kinds organized this year.

Iron spear heads have occasionally been found embedded in the tusks of elephants.

British invention has provided a machine roller to aid paperhangers in placing wallpaper quickly and smoothly.

Less than a hundred years ago, the only way of providing milk on ocean voyages was by carrying a cow on the ship.

The famous Pontine Marshes of Italy, where malaria mosquitoes flourished, are being drained and turned into rural settlements.

A prehistoric flint mine at Ivinghoe, in England, has yielded among other relics a fine flint ax with a huge left-handed grip.

Astronomers are not yet certain whether the giant planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, have any solid surfaces.

"Gloves," consisting of a special cream rubbed on the hands, are a new idea for mechanics and painters, to prevent dirt from getting into the pores.

WITH THE SCIENCES THIS WEEK

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