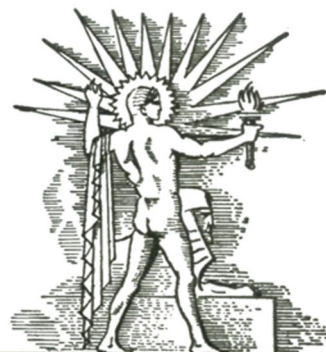


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DO YOU KNOW?

Palestine now has over a million people, including 174,600 Jews.

Genoa, home town of Columbus, is to have its first 20-story skyscraper.

Remains of a glass furnace used by settlers at Jamestown, Virginia, have been discovered.

While mineral waters of Hot Springs, Arkansas, are radioactive, they possess no actual radium in solution.

The new factory building of a paper company is lighted and aired artificially, but has imitation windows of white brick, just to make it look natural.

The Federal District of Mexico, which contains the capital city, is about eight times as large as the District of Columbia in the United States.

A Dutch mathematician of the sixteenth century worked out the value of "pi" to 35 decimal places and the long number was carved on his tombstone.

Raw Para rubber comes to market in great balls weighing about 60 pounds.

Ten thousand dishpans are being used as reflectors for electric lights at Boulder Dam.

Fishermen often discover schools of fish by watching the sea birds that noisily pursue the fish for food.

One thunderstorm in ten years is about what weather men say you can expect in localities north of the Arctic circle.

An old cuneiform tablet from Assyria, among the dental exhibits at the Chicago fair, expresses the ancient view that worms caused decay in the teeth.

The Indiana State Medical Association has issued an appeal to housewives to keep lye and other poisonous cleaning preparations out of reach of the children, who might try tasting them.

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