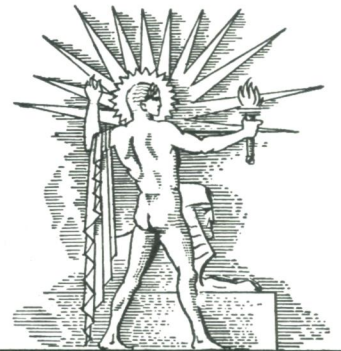


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DO YOU KNOW?

Census figures show cancer to be relatively common among children and young people.

Radium is one of the few imports of the United States not affected by the economic depression.

Methods of getting pine trees to yield more turpentine are being studied by Federal scientists in Florida.

There are more than 6,000 species of insects that play an important role in economics of the United States.

A tiny flea beetle has been proved guilty of spreading Stewart's disease—a troublesome malady of sweet corn.

"Ship-worms" and other marine borers are becoming increasingly troublesome along New England coast, causing bridge and pier failures.

A government poultry expert suggests that farmers can keep track of the best egg layers in a flock of hens by attaching leg bands of three colors.

It takes plant breeders 12 to 15 years to select, test, and prove a new variety of grain.

Twins occur once in about 87 births in the United States, but in Denmark the proportion is once in about 63.

The Antarctic is not always a shivery place; one explorer reported suffering from the heat in South Victoria Land in summer.

New surveys show that the Grand Teton, highest peak in the national park of that name, is 13,766 feet high, or 19 feet higher than was supposed.

Sesame is found to be one of the richest of grains in its content of calcium, which is important in bone and tooth development.

In its training of physicians, the Soviet Union prepares 75 per cent. of its medical students to be general practitioners, and the remainder, chosen by examination, are educated as specialists.

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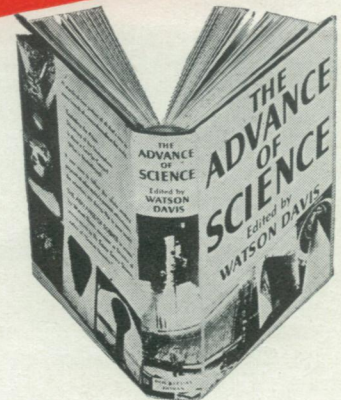
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