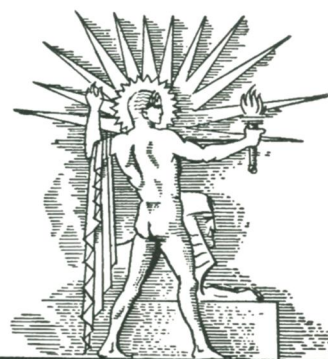


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DO YOU KNOW?

Five years is the average duration of a case of tuberculosis.

An international park on both sides of the Texas-Mexico line is proposed by Secretary of the Interior Ickes.

A psychologist found that out of 40 children selected at random 13 per cent. played with imaginary companions.

Experiments have showed that sweet corn loses its sweetness six times as fast kept at 86 degrees Fahrenheit as at 32.

Soft rubber is usually vulcanized with five per cent. or less of sulphur whereas in hard rubber as much as 50 per cent. sulphur may be used.

Millions of green parrots descended recently like a plague upon a sheep station in southern Australia, polluting the water for ranchers and their stock.

Although the "germ" causing rheumatic fever, sometimes called inflammatory rheumatism, is not definitely known, doctors believe that it may be caused by the same bacterium responsible for tonsillitis and St. Vitus' Dance.

Some insects, as well as birds, migrate regularly every year.

The most complicated systems of kinship man has devised are found among the primitive Australian natives.

The oyster is a useful food for treating nutritional anemia, since it contains almost as much iron and copper as does liver.

German scientists are experimenting with tobacco plants which they hope will produce 45 to 60 leaves, instead of the normal 15 to 20.

Study of spiders in northern countries indicates that Greenland's spiders are mainly American species, whereas Iceland's spiders are European.

The Field Museum's Hall of the Races of Mankind now contains 101 life-sized sculptures, portraying racial types from all parts of the world.

Cloth from milkweed floss and cotton staple mixed has so far not been very successful, but experiments to make use of milkweed fibers are being continued.

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