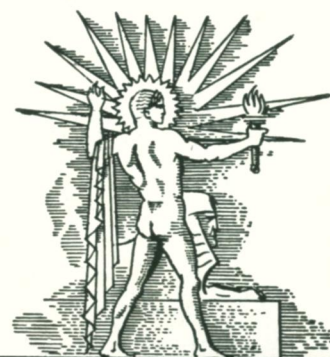


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## DO YOU KNOW?

Twenty-five per cent. of the men in the mining industry in South Africa have tuberculosis.

Of the total weight of fish caught in the United States, 70 to 80 per cent. belong to six species.

There were marine turtles over ten feet long in North America's inland sea, 90 million years ago.

Cucumbers for pickling are usually black-spined varieties, whereas those for slicing are usually white-spined.

The Donner and Blitzen river in the Pacific Northwest flows through a region famous for its thunderstorms.

Oregon's famous P-Ranch, once the capital of a vast cattle empire, has been turned into a sanctuary for waterfowl.

Jackrabbits are now so abundant that they are a major menace to farm crops in the Great Plains and Mountain states.

Tall corn was grown by Indian farmers, for one French chronicler tells of getting lost more quickly in the corn fields of the Hurons than in the prairies and forests.

At the recent Zuni Indian fair, one event was an old man's marathon race, in which Zuni men over 50 years old displayed their speed and endurance.

British research shows that chilled beef can be held in good condition 60 to 70 days in an atmosphere containing 10 to 20 per cent. of carbon dioxide.

Skeletal remains of a Scottish bishop of the fifteenth century were recently studied to shed light on physical traits of Scots in that obscure period of history.

Says a Cornell garden note: a bird bath should not be too deep for the birds, not too near tall plants where cats might hide, and it should be firmly placed.

Cornell University diet experts say that a serving of food for a young child may be from two to eight level table-spoons, depending on the age and activity of the child.

Archaeologists examining the tomb in Athens erected to Spartan generals who fell in battle against the Thirty Tyrants, 403 B.C., found the skeletons intact, with weapons that caused death still in some of the bones.

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