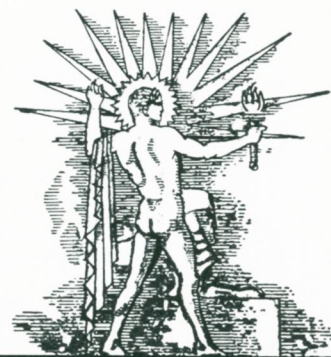
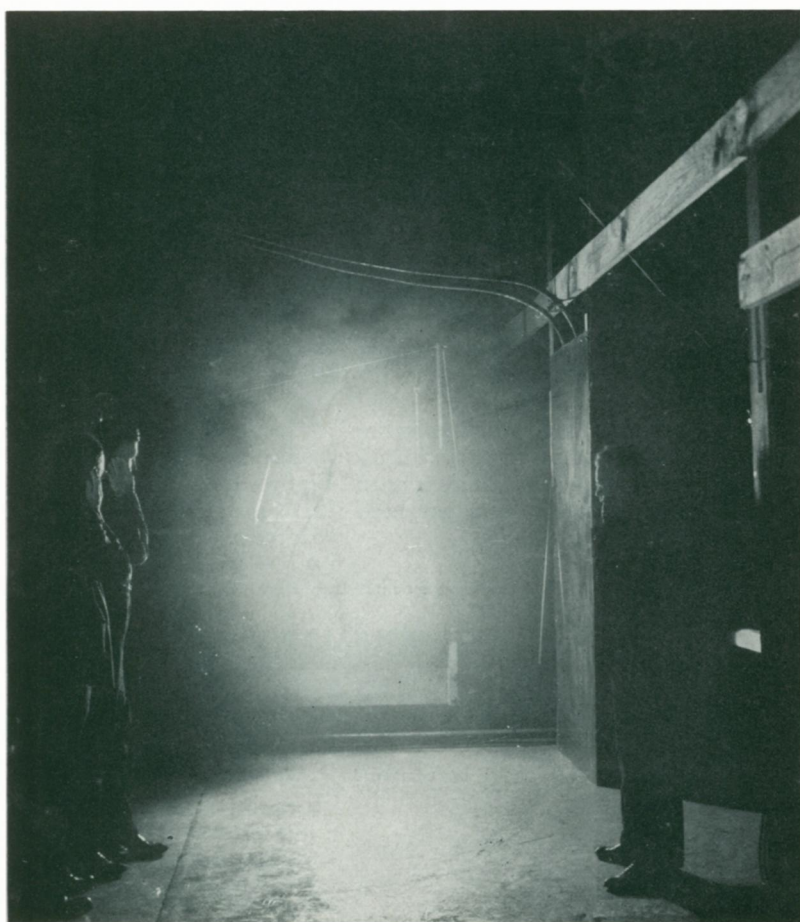


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DO YOU KNOW?

Some Babylonian scholar invented the division of the circle into 360 degrees, minutes, and seconds.

A new electric fan has blades made of silk ribbon loops which create a breeze for a distance of ten feet.

With color movies a blush can be made to suffuse an actress' cheek by the trick of throwing red light there.

The differences between a primitive people and a civilized people are really superficial, says one well-known anthropologist.

It was Captain John Smith of Virginia Colony fame who gave "poison ivy" its name after an unpleasant encounter with it.

Brazil is making strenuous efforts to solve its leprosy problem, and is building preventorium where children of leprosy parents may avoid danger of contact.

One company advertises its insect killer on paper that has been scented with the stuff, thereby showing that it is not obnoxious to human noses.

A physician in the Dutch East Indies reported cure of a leprosy case with ultra-violet rays, but final conclusions as to value of the treatment have not been drawn.

As a general rule, large birds live longer than small ones.

Lacking petroleum resources, the Philippine Islands are using alcohol as motor fuel in considerable quantities.

Death Valley last summer complained of too much rain—six-tenths of an inch—which "flooded" the desert floor, making it a lake.

Four hundred species of Mexican plants that can be grown in the United States, in certain climates, are described in a new book.

Members of the California Mycological Society pay their annual dues in puffballs and other fungi.

Government scientists are attempting to adapt cotton stripping machinery to gathering pyrethrum flower heads, used in insecticides.

Says the U. S. Department of Agriculture: All rare old vintages bear the numerals of a year when growing conditions in the vineyards were exactly right.

Leonardo da Vinci named as the fundamental colors for painters white for light, yellow for earth, green for water, blue for air, red for fire, and black for darkness.

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