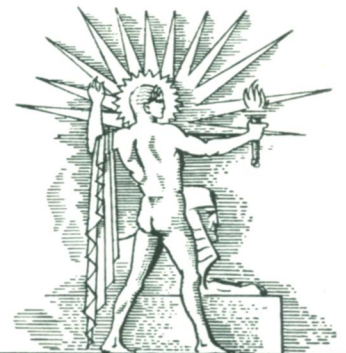


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DO YOU KNOW?

Sea-lions in the zoo catch colds and sometimes have pharyngitis.

Reeds were commonly used for pens in ancient times and as late as the Middle Ages.

Hemlock bark, waste material of the pulp industry, is found to be rich in tannin.

England is using a squad of policewomen in automobiles to enforce speed laws.

On Oeland Island, east coast of Sweden, a new source of helium has been found.

In the South Sea islands, frigate birds are trained to carry messages like homing pigeons.

The Italian Air Ministry has found that olive oil is effective as an ingredient of lubricating oils.

It has been said that every invention of fundamental importance in modern iron and steel industry is of British origin.

In the recent locust invasion of South Africa, railroads placed steam jets before locomotive wheels to blow the slippery insects off the tracks.

Egypt is having an investigation of illicit sales of its antiquities.

A dictionary of color published in 1930 shows 7,056 samples of colors.

Stainless steel is finding a new use in musical instruments such as guitars.

Sixty per cent. of air transport flying in the United States is done at night.

Maps made by the ancient astronomer Ptolemy were used for over a thousand years.

The useful life of a modern airplane is often five to ten years, the U. S. Bureau of Air Commerce finds.

If the descendants of one housefly all flourished, the family would number 1,096,181,249,320,720,000,000,000 by the end of the season.

Tests by Government scientists have shown dairymen which kinds of feed affect flavor of milk if eaten by cows before milking time.

Never put pieces of dry ice in glasses of drinking water or beverages, warns a health official, for a piece may be accidentally swallowed and cause a painful burn.

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