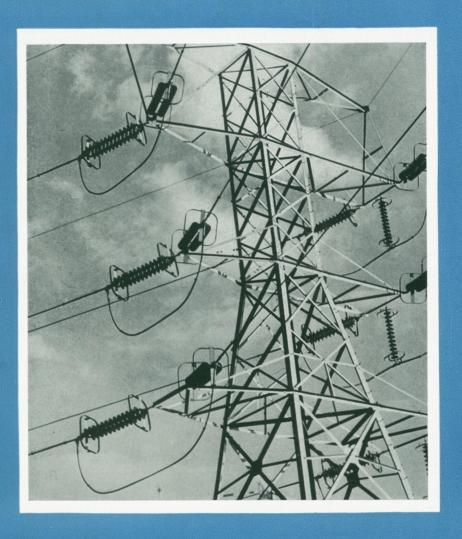
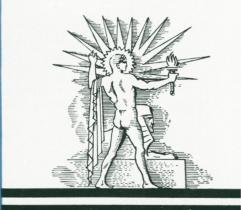
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DO YOU KNOW?

In the hot summer of 1934, Wrangell, Alaska, had a temperature record of 100 degrees.

The song of the trumpeter swan has been sound-photographed in Yellowstone Park.

Triplets are being scientifically studied in the Institute of Child Welfare at the University of California.

Natives in Sumatra believe that earthquakes occur because an insect bothers the bull that holds the earth on its horns.

Poison ivy sometimes goes by other names, such as poison creeper, markweed, picry, mercury, and three-leaved ivy.

The so-called sea elephant is properly called an elephant seal, says the Field Museum, since the animal is a true seal, no relation to elephants.

An Indian picture on an earthenware bowl found in Arizona is thought possibly a prehistoric record of a great meteorite fall, observed by Indians.

Termites will not fight their own kind, says one zoologist, but the termite soldiers wage their wars chiefly on the defensive against other insect species.

The Pacific Ocean covers more world area than all the land masses combined.

The elephant seals are the biggest of seals, some attaining a length of 17 feet.

Liquid though it is, milk contains more solids by weight than oysters, tomatoes, asparagus, lettuce, or beets.

An old Babylonian proverb for school children said: "He who shall excel in tablet writing shall shine like the sun."

The new cotton planting attachment, with which seed are planted at varying depths, insures a stand of cotton under a variety of weather conditions.

The copper industry has profited by the trend to air conditioning, the railroads alone having used over 5,000,000 pounds of copper in this connection.

A lion-hunter recently discovered a new lake 12,000 feet above sea-level on Mount Kenya, Africa, and was mystified to find this mountain lake lukewarm.

Flint implements two inches long and some much smaller, have been found at English sites of the Old Stone Age, leaving archaeologists puzzled to account for their use.

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