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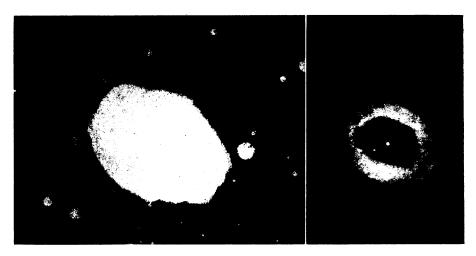
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Heredity

• "Genetics may be defined as an account of the effects of the diversity of materials with which different individuals start life: the effects of the different materials received from their parents. These effects are commonly classified as heredity, so that Genetics deals largely with heredity. Heredity itself may be defined as the influence on the individuals of the materials which they receive from their parents at the beginning of their lives."—H. S. Jennings in GENETICS (W. W. Norton) Science News Letter, October 26, 1935

PSYCHIATRY

Not Peculiar

• "It must be true, as Jung expressed it so well in the early days when he was still an analyst, that neuroses have no peculiar content which belongs exclusively to them, but that neurotics break down at the same difficulties that are successfully overcome by normal people. This discovery was very far from being a disappointment. It was in complete harmony with another one: that the depth-psychology revealed by psychoanalysis was in fact the psychology of the normal mind. Our path had been like that of chemistry: the great qualitative differences between substances were traced back to quantitative variations in the proportions in which the same elements were combined."—Sigmund Freud in Autobiography (W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.)

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PHYSICS

Colossal Sound

• "The sound power radiated by a siren is colossal compared with that used in normal conversation. For example, the power from a ship's siren might be 1/7 horse-power or approximately 100 watts, which is ten million times the speech power in ordinary conversation. Putting the statement in another form, one-quarter of the population of England would have to talk simultaneously to generate the same sound power as the ship's siren."—N. W. McLachlan in Noise; A Comprehensive Survey From Every Point of View (Oxford).

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GEOGRAPHY

Esteemed

• "In no other land does the tiller of the soil receive the esteem that he does in Japan. Here his rank in the social scale is noteworthy. Indeed, even in overcrowded China with its agricultural millions, the farmers hold no higher place in the social scale."—Daniel R. Bergsmark in Economic Geography OF ASIA (Prentice-Hall).

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HYGIENE

Out of Order

• "Many people are not really well all the time. It has been estimated that perhaps 10 per cent. are well, in the sense that their bodies are free from defects that alter function, and that they can carry on their affairs regularly, effectively, and comfortably, without let or hindrance because of aches, pains and ailments. The vast majority, perhaps 80 per cent., are from time to time, or even all the time, slightly or seriously, out of order in respect to health (e. g. subject to repeated colds, indigestion, headaches, etc.; or lacking in the feelings and the appearance of genuine health). The remainder, 10 per cent., may be classed as frankly ill, either out of the running or badly in need of the curative ministrations of medical science.

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ASTRONOMY

Dark

• "For masses less than ten thousand times that of our planet the escape of heat will be too small to keep the surface incandescent. They will be dark bodies. No matter how many of these there may be, revolving about the stars, we cannot detect them."—Henry Norris Russell in The Solar System and Its Origin (Macmillan).

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Closed

• "We have undertaken a survey of the present status of the problem of interpreting the line spectra due to atoms. This interpretation seems to us to be in a fairly closed and highly satisfactory state. All known features of atomic spectra are now at least semi-quantitatively explained in terms of the quantum-mechanical treatment of the nuclear-atom model."—E. U. Condon and G. H. Shortley in The Theory of Atomic Spectra (Cambridge—Macmillan.)

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BOTANY

Rare Normality

• "Of the immense number of actual or potential growing points, as in that part of a tree which is above ground, only a few ever grow under what we call 'normal' conditions. Yet in most plants any bud, except perhaps the flower bud, is capable of producing a shoot, and in many kinds of plants almost any meristematic cell is capable of producing either a shoot or a root."—Otis F. Curtis in The Translocation of Solutes in Plants (McGraw-Hill).

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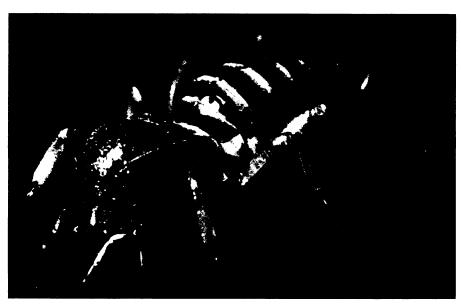
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