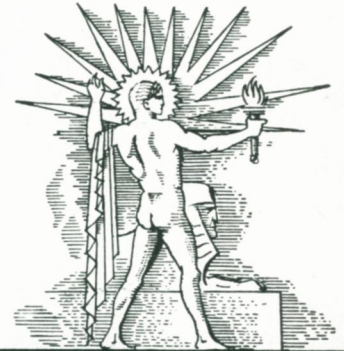


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DO YOU KNOW?

The Ainus of northern Japan wear blue for mourning.

Potatoes became a staple crop in Europe as a result of the famine of 1771.

Fur farmers in the United States last season produced 170,000 silver-fox pelts.

If milk in clear glass milk bottles stands in the sun, it soon develops a definite tallow-like flavor.

Plans for a memorial to Thomas A. Edison include arranging for permanent care of the inventor's personal scientific library.

Chemists have found that surfaces of all solid bodies are covered with a film of water or oil, often only one molecule thick.

Research has produced waterproof lime—a processed lime with which to make mortar that repels water and protects masonry walls against leaking.

Mexico has eleven states with an average altitude of over a mile above the sea.

Twin gorillas, now four months old, are a feature of interest at the zoo in Hanover, Germany.

The Egyptians believed that the sun was hatched each morning from an egg laid by a celestial goose.

Forest fires not only destroy valuable timber but leave wounds and scars on trees, where decay soon sets in.

Small children often betray defective eyesight by the way they behave toward distant or close objects, or by strain shown in their efforts to see.

An anthropologist reports that the human brain has not increased in size since the days of Neandertal man, who lived in the Old Stone Age; and brains have decreased in size, in Europe at least, within the past 10,000 or 20,000 years.

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