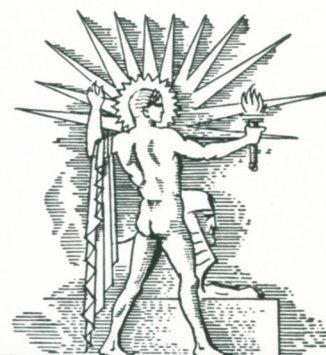


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DO YOU KNOW?

Blindness caused by wood alcohol is permanent and cannot be cured.

Green colored vinegar is now being made from grapefruit as a citrus by-product.

In all China there are less than 48,000 motor vehicles, and most of these came from America.

Sugar beets growing in fields and held in storage are liable to attack by a large number of fungi, over 50 of which belong to a single genus.

Experiments in using duck eggs in place of hen eggs in cake and other recipes have been made at Cornell University.

A Hungarian has found that spoilage of milk and other dairy products can be delayed by inoculating them with a weak bacterial flora.

Road construction in Babylon in Nebuchadnezzar's time is described on a brick found in the city, which mentions streets "made strong within with bitumen and burnt brick as a high-lying road."

German farmers are being urged by the government to raise sheep to increase the country's wool supply.

The proposed French-Italian road tunnel under Mont Blanc is expected to require six years of construction work.

Air conditioning in the Senate is adjusted somewhat warmer than in the House of Representatives, to suit the more elderly group of Senators.

As many as 189 species of American mammals are denounced as vermin, but among these "varmints" that worry farmers or other citizens 116 kinds are fur bearers of economic value.

It is reported from Germany that road tests show certain artificial rubber tires are capable of giving double the road performance of tires made from natural rubber.

Soviet scientists have established "frostology" stations in regions where freezing of the earth is a problem, to study effects of freezing and thawing on building construction and other activities.

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