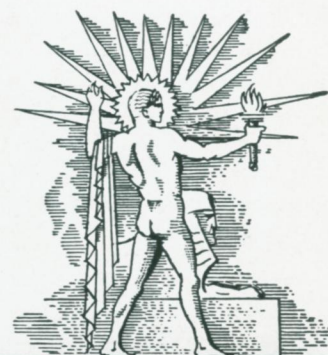
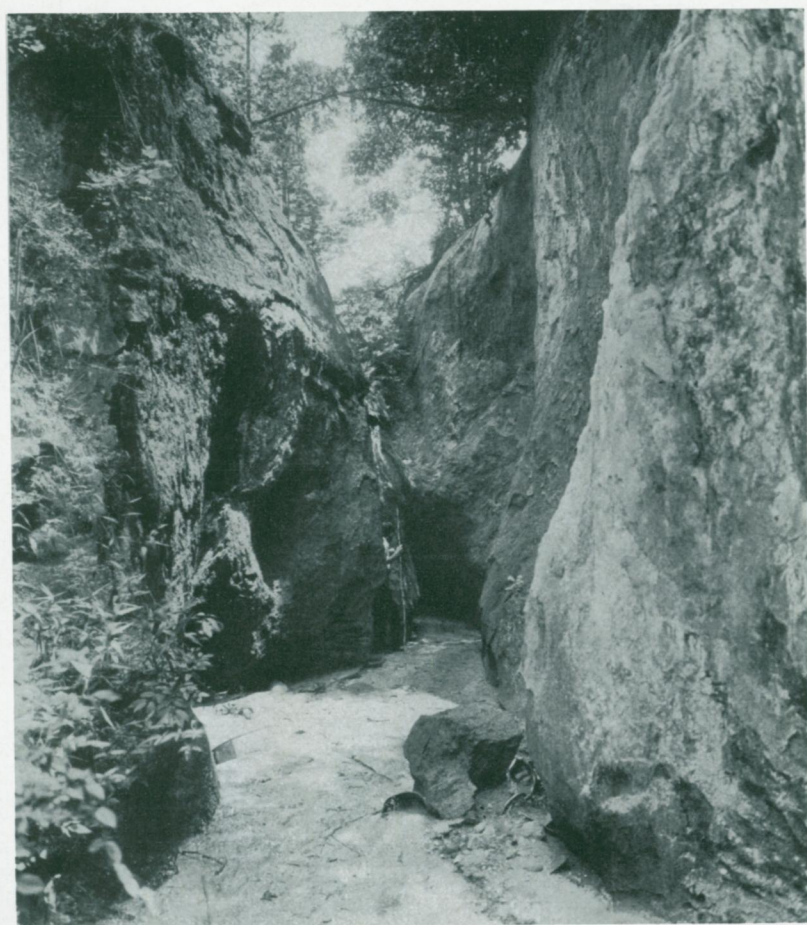


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DO YOU KNOW?

One tribe in China worships the dog, because of a legend that a dog once saved their mountain city.

The California sea mussel eats all the time but snaps its mouth shut instantly if any food poisonous to itself touches it.

Tires made from artificial rubber were exhibited recently at the International Automobile and Motor Show in Berlin.

Ancient Egypt had to import all of its incense of myrrh, pine resin, or laudanum, as no incense trees or shrubs grew in the country.

Some of the medieval ideas of the infernal regions, celebrated in poetry and art, can be traced to religion of the ancient Etruscans.

Yellowstone Park's most famous geyser, Old Faithful, broke its records for longest and shortest time between eruptions on June 20 when, departing from its almost perfect 65-minute schedule the geyser shot up once after 30 minutes and then waited 92 minutes for the next eruption.

Good housekeeping prevents disease; it also eliminates accident hazards, says a Maryland safety consultant.

Poisonous snakes often misjudge distance in striking at objects, according to Biological Survey scientists.

Soviet farmers in the Arctic raise such vegetables as cabbage, onions, peas, carrots, potatoes, and turnips.

In a battle with locusts, Argentina has learned that sodium arsenate is effective in poisoning these pests.

Germany, which has lately been taking half the world's annual supply of whale blubber, is building up a whaling industry of its own to get fats and oil.

Packing tests show that at least 20 per cent more apples can be stored in boxes in a given space than in baskets, and with less bruising.

A gangster among trees is the strangling-fig, says Dr. John K. Small, New York botanist, for this tree destroys its plant victims by enveloping them, and sometimes caps the climax by destroying itself.

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