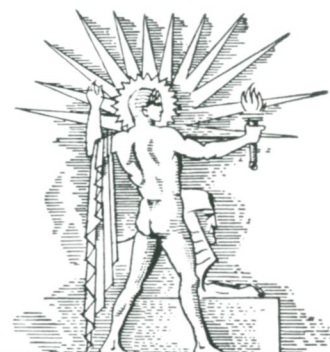


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DO YOU KNOW?

An African squash plant introduced into this country is found to be good as a table vegetable or in pies, and is resistant to the stem borer pest.

Chinese soldiers have been set to work diverting water from the Yellow River to arid land, making it useful for farming.

A summer camp for children in New York State is "pioneering" at Indian-style living, with tipis for shelter, simple diet, and Indian philosophy toward nature.

The involuntary pattern of behavior in a startled person—shoulders drawn in, elbows bent, eyes blinking, and so on—can be caught by moving pictures speeded slightly above normal.

To prevent chromium plating on automobiles from showing rust spots when at the sea shore or when roads are cleared of snow by salt or other chemicals, it has been found that waxing the metal is helpful.

Scientific study to improve grass—one of the country's most important crops—is said to be no farther advanced than corn and other cereals were 30 years ago.

Electric light cords should never be run under rugs or in door jambs, government electricians advise, because the cords will wear out quickly and may cause a short circuit.

The "rheumatism" that elderly folk used to complain of toward spring is now believed to have been mild scurvy due to lack of Vitamin C in the winter diet.

Rubber latex in a form easily applied and removed can be used to coat automobile bumpers, refrigerators, or other polished articles to protect them in shipment.

Explorers crossing the heights of Greenland's ice cap report that one problem is getting enough drinking water, because the snow does not thaw naturally in some of these polar regions.

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