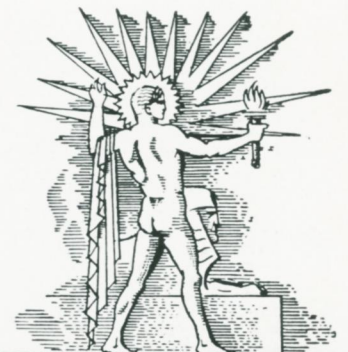
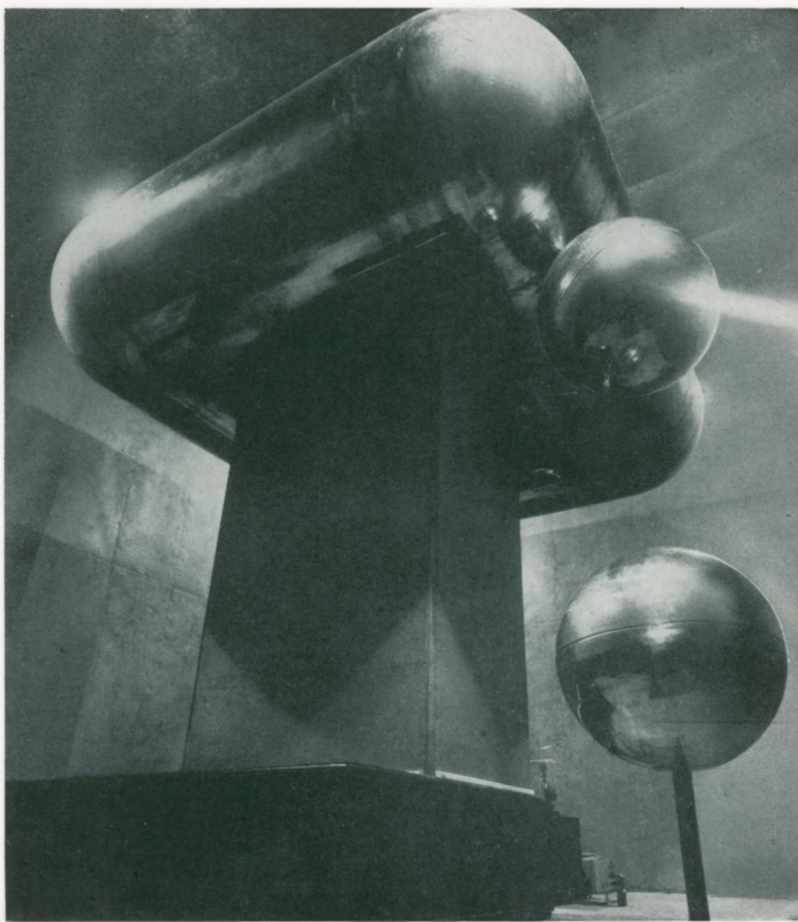


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DO YOU KNOW?

There are over 6,000 sizes and shapes of tin cans.

A chameleon's darting tongue can be extended longer than the animal's whole body.

A powerful electro-magnet was used recently to draw out five tiny sharp needles embedded in a mill worker's hand.

The French government is restoring the famous ruins of Baalbek in Syria, bringing more of the temple walls and columns out of ancient wreckage.

Seeking suitable material for spinners, the rayon industry in this country has found a gold-platinum alloy the most satisfactory.

Popularity of chemistry is suggested by a survey showing that in 80 women's colleges, 11 per cent of students took the first general course in this science.

Whether the fox is a useful wild life citizen or a nuisance is a never-settled argument among hunters, farmers, and naturalists, but a recent study of the feeding habits of foxes suggests that B'rer Fox inclines to the useful side.

There are now more bald or American eagles in Florida than in any other state.

British weather men have sent instruments to America to collect samples of air from the American stratosphere.

An automobile that used a moth repellent for fuel was turned out in the eighteen nineties, but the fumes made it unpopular.

Hot weather last summer caused numerous "blowups" on midwestern highways, resulting in shattered pavement and hurry calls for road repairs.

Chocolate drunk by Mexican Indians was flavored with spices, honey, herbs and other ingredients well mixed, and was served cold without any cooking.

A new clinic at the University of Chicago, the Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic, will make special effort to bridge the gap between medical and dental research.

Since ephedrine has gained wide use in treating nasal ailments, the Chinese scientist who isolated it from a wild Chinese herb is seeking possibilities in other Eastern herb remedies.

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