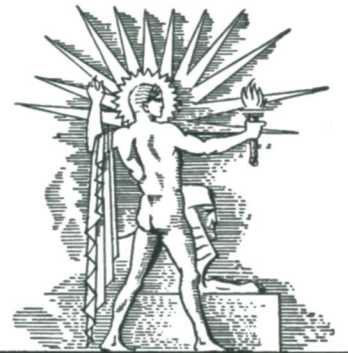


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DO YOU KNOW?

Two seedless watermelons were produced in North Dakota at an agricultural experiment station this year.

Nickel tubing so fine that it passes easily through a needle's eye is made for such instruments as hypodermic needles.

German workers are being encouraged to cultivate silkworms in spare time, to help build up a German silk industry.

The Southwest experienced a 23-year drought in the years ending in 1300 A.D., causing suffering to Indian farmers in the pueblo region.

The pyramid idea has been applied to construction of a British block of flats, so that each floor can have a balcony open to the sun and air.

Soybeans, one chemist points out, are gaining such importance in this country that they may be ranked along with wheat, corn, and oats, as a "big four."

A Polish village, that stood on a marshy island about 600 B.C., has been unearthed; the streets and lower portions of houses are found remarkably preserved.

Scars in the Big Trees of California show traces of forest fires that broke out in the years 245, 1441, 1580, and 1797.

Wild Brazilian peanuts are being crossed experimentally with other peanuts at the Florida State Experiment Station.

Eskimos who build snow houses to sleep in when traveling can work so fast that a little house can be built in about half an hour.

Tests that are to last 20 years are being made, to see how fence materials stand up under various types of American climate conditions.

Airplanes were recently used with success to transport a valuable cargo of living chinchillas from Chile to California, for the fur industry.

A new product on the German market develops and fixes photographic negatives in one bath, thereby saving about 13 minutes in each operation.

Rubber boots for sheep are being made in five sizes in England, so that sheep being treated for foot-rot can better keep the medical dressings on their feet.

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