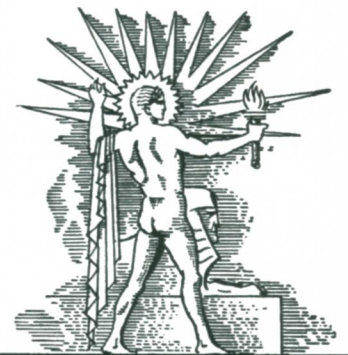
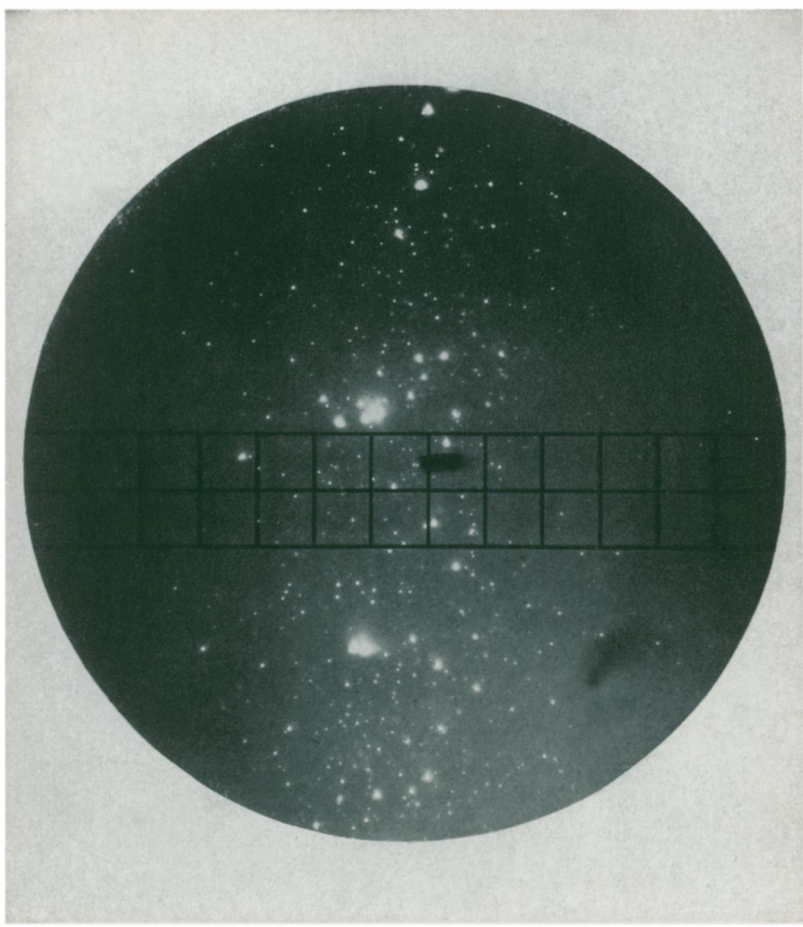


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DO YOU KNOW?

Rickets rarely develops in a human being after the first two years of life.

Thorns, splinters, and tiny bones were the first pins used to fasten clothing.

Navajo Indian women do not copy a pattern in weaving a rug; they carry the design in their minds.

Palms cannot be expected to thrive outdoors in winter where the mercury falls below ten degrees above zero.

A new synthetic wood called "isorel" is being made in France by compressing wood fibers with synthetic resins, and is said to be a non-conductor of sound and moisture.

Tests show that canned strained spinach, peas, tomatoes, and green beans vary in the amount of vitamin C they contain, from year to year, indicating that it is difficult to standardize canned goods on this point.

Early Greeks in Homer's day looked upon milk as food for mere barbarians.

The ancient Romans reclined on couches when they read, wrote, or studied.

Roman schoolboys shouted their lessons, thereby making a schoolhouse a "noisy zone."

Forest fires have been known to travel faster than a man can walk, for a distance of a mile or more.

Barn swallows that spend their winters in Brazil fly as far north as Greenland and Alaska for the summer.

A new windshield wiper for winter driving is equipped with bars of a rock salt compound to melt snow and ice.

When the explorer Cartier tried Indian tobacco offered by Indians of the St. Lawrence region, he found it "almost as hot as pepper."

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