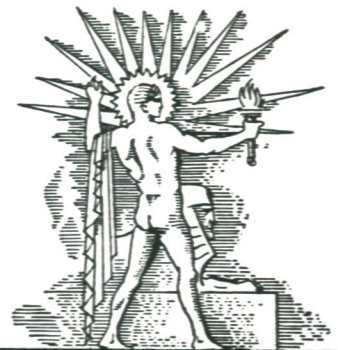


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DO YOU KNOW?

The great majority of babies are well when they are born.

There are 21 species of the tsetse fly in Africa.

Reversing usual tree habits, the sycamore tree peels in summer and acquires its new bark in winter.

British telephone booths and mail boxes are now painted red, so they can be located more easily.

In constructing a glass office building for itself, a New York glass manufacturing company has used 25 varieties of glass.

Huge quantities of water required for air-conditioning systems have created a new problem in providing adequate sewers.

The fact that the moon is just large enough to cover the sun from view in an eclipse is, for astronomers, "a fortunate coincidence."

Mammoth Cave's now famous pre-Columbian mummy is exhibited to tourists in an air-tight, waterproof, rustproof case.

There are 91 varieties of trees in the White House gardens.

A series of ten films for use in teaching high school chemistry is being made.

Last year 800 bicyclists were killed as a result of collisions with automobiles, in the United States.

Female elephants calve, it is believed, about once in two years, and a normal female produces a dozen or so young elephants in a lifetime.

New Guinea has the largest known butterflies—beautiful creatures of green, black, and gold, with wingspread of 11½ inches.

Catacombs of the early Christian era have been discovered five miles from Nazareth, with inscriptions and pictures still preserved in them.

In Connecticut, motorists over 30 years old with good driving records, can apply for license plates bearing their initials or the first three letters of their names, instead of the usual numerals—so long as the same combination of letters has not been granted another person.

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