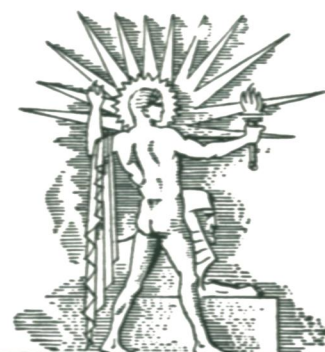
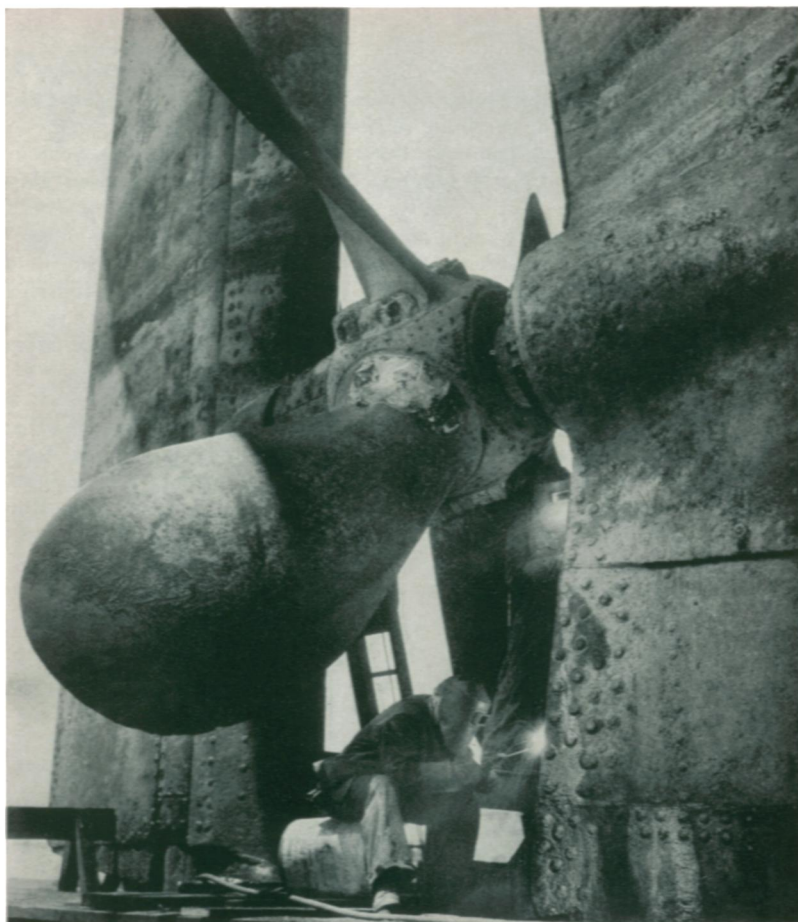


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The history of London shows that up to 1800 any one walking in the city could reach green fields in ten minutes, in any direction.

It is claimed for conditioned air that it reduces the number of heat prostrations in summer and the number of colds in winter.

Rhodium, sister metal of platinum, is being used to plate highway signs, so that the letters will shine at night when headlights flash on them.

The "blasting and mildew" that attacked grains in Biblical days is now believed to be a description of what modern farmers call rust.

In an advertising experiment, it was found that black type on white background can be read 42 per cent. faster than white type on dark gray ground.

To replenish the sugar and salt lost by the body when a laborer works in hot surroundings, a pharmaceutical company is making tablets containing seven parts of salt to three parts of dextrose.

After seven years of experiments, the University of California has devised a way of making a crushed peach product of small clingstone peaches at reasonable cost, thereby putting these surplus peaches to new use.

Poison ivy is common to almost all regions of the United States.

China's population is estimated as low as 350,000,000 and as high as 500,000,000.

Falconers estimate the speed of a striking falcon at 150 to 175 miles an hour.

A farm in Lapland is said to be the only one in the world raising blue foxes in captivity.

In its winter sleep the lump-nosed bat curls its ears in spiral coils like a ram's horns.

Germany has a reserve of lignite in the lower Rhine region estimated at fifteen billion tons.

Workers in a famous glass factory in Germany have an orchestra, and play instruments made of glass.

Giants die young, judging by records on a number of men over seven feet tall who attained an average age of only 34 years.

Hawaii, with no less than 16 racial stocks in its population, has handled its racial problem with sanity and almost ideal results, says Lewis Browne, recent lecturer at the University of Hawaii.

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