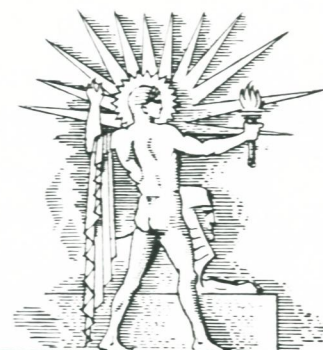
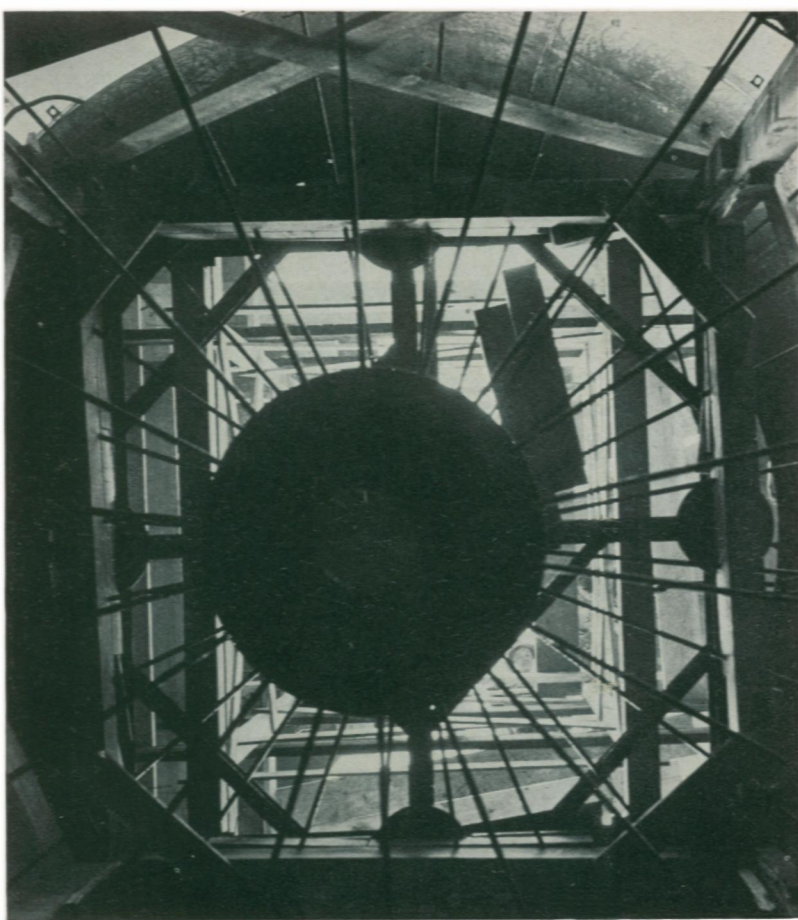


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DO YOU KNOW?

If furniture is badly arranged, a home may have its traffic problems of narrow lanes and inadequate parking space.

Australia traces its plague of rabbits back to 1860, when some unknown person brought 24 rabbits as pets to a park in Victoria.

In one agricultural experiment, in which a cornfield was left uncultivated and unweeded, its yield proved about 80 per cent. lower.

Television cameras, which can take field pictures and transmit them to headquarters, are being developed for use by airplane observers in war.

In a picture painted in 1665, a Dutch artist portrayed a neat pharmacy in which he plainly labeled jars containing 42 pharmaceutical ingredients.

Dutch bakers are particularly interested in ways of keeping bread fresh by freezing it, because of the restrictions on night work in the Netherlands.

Connecticut is being invaded by death watch beetles—the same pests that once cost England half a million dollars for repairs to the damaged roof of Westminster Abbey.

Smallpox was one of the diseases that plagued the American army during the Revolution.

The mountain goat of the Rocky Mountains is only distantly related to the domestic goat.

Judging by old records, earthquakes have killed over a million Chinese in the past four centuries.

A celluloid substitute invented in Germany is hard to burn, odorless, and noticeably resistant to light, acids, and alkalis.

The larch tree in the North and the cypress in the South are the only native American cone-bearers that drop all of their needles each year.

In Riverside, Illinois, no theater or moving picture house can be built without providing 200 feet of parking space for every six seats in the building.

Using a hypodermic syringe, an entomologist is able to inject extremely tiny doses of poisoned foods into codling moth caterpillars, directly into the digestive tract, and thus he can test more accurately the effectiveness of various poison baits.

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