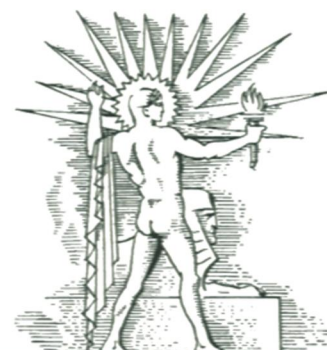
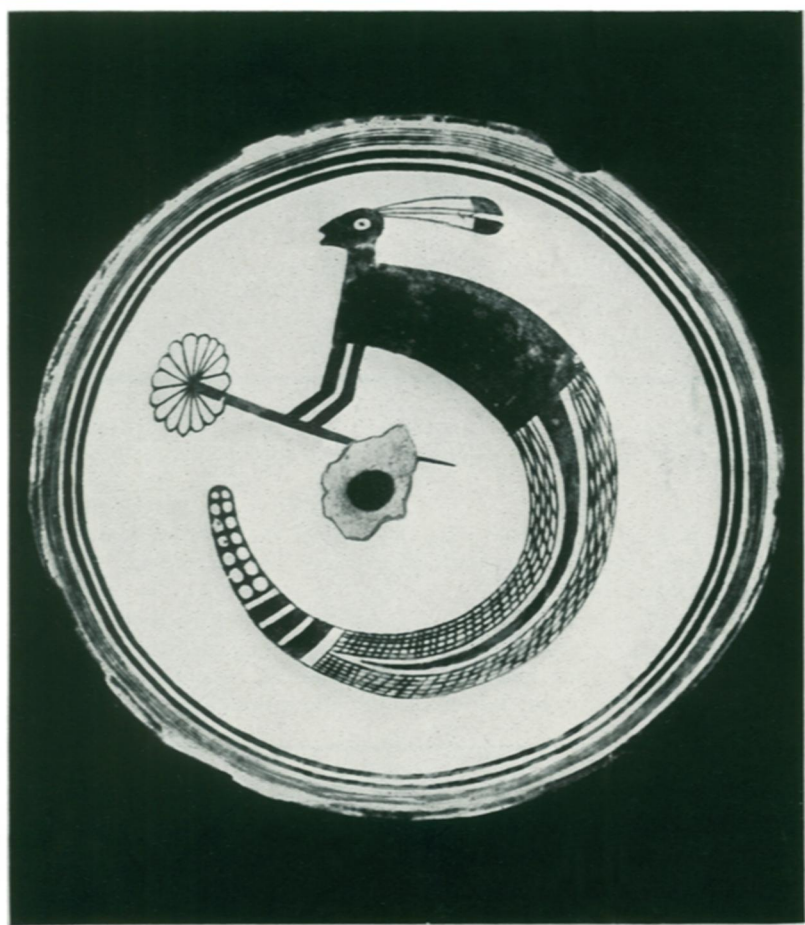


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## Do You Know?

Piano keys can be made of plastics in place of the usual ivory.

Sap of the upas tree is still used by Malay natives to poison arrows and darts.

Live goats and even bulls have been let down by parachutes from airplanes, to transport fresh meat to Italian troops in Ethiopia.

Children who have many spells of illness do not seem to be affected in their growth by it, judging by measurements of over 400 boys and girls.

One North Carolina miller uses his home-made, water-driven machinery for grinding corn and also for cutting and polishing Carolina's gem stones.

Eating acid fruit and milk together is not harmful, nutritionists say; milk curdles anyway when it comes in contact with acid gastric juices of the stomach.

The most famous Roman road, the Appian Way, ran 412 miles toward the East, and has been called as startling a muscle-power achievement as the pyramids of Egypt.

Colors are important in grading and classing cotton, fruits, vegetables and other agricultural products; and in the Department of Agriculture's color laboratory the work is done by filtered artificial light which closely matches average daylight.

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Watermelons are proving useful to scientists studying factors of plant heredity.

In the past 25 years, cancer has advanced from seventh to second place among causes of death.

The first residence ever lighted by electricity was the boarding house at Menlo Park, N. J., where Thomas Edison lived.

A journal devoted entirely to airships has appeared in London.

Out of 21 civilizations that have arisen since the dawn of history, 14 are known only by their ruins.

China's Grand Canal, nearly 1,000 miles long, was for a long time the only line of communication between north and south China.

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