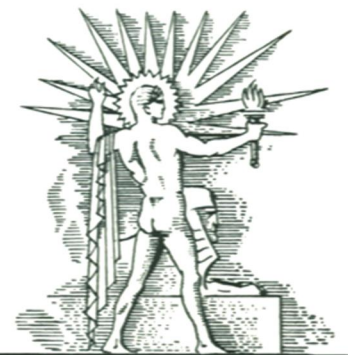


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Do You Know?

A game rather like modern chess was played in India about 700 A. D.

A glass cornerstone has been laid for the Egyptian Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

Beavers will eat almost any plant they can find, but they prefer a limited diet of a few favorite trees.

Sirius the Dog Star is sometimes called the Syrian Star because Greek observers sighted it rising over Syria.

The biggest hog on official record is a Poland-China boar that weighed 1,402 pounds when exhibited in 1928.

A subglacial volcano in Iceland gives off great quantities of fluorine, a corrosive vapor that can even dissolve glass.

In Argentina, five large factories are kept busy turning out neon signs, which are increasingly popular in that country.

What to pack in the baby's suitcase—as food supplies and clothing—is told in the U. S. Children's Bureau bulletin "Infant Care."

House flies are known to carry some diseases and are suspected of transmitting tuberculosis by contaminating their feet in sputum.

A snare made of rope and a net, apparently hung across a game trail by prehistoric Indians, was found in an abandoned cliff dwelling in Colorado.

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The starchy chestnut is the only popular nut that is not rich in fat.

Alexandria was Egypt's capital for about 1,000 years.

Among the animals that furnish meat to Navajo Indians are porcupine, prairie dog, and antelope.

There are hot mineral springs near the Polar Circle, about 194 degrees Fahrenheit.

Over a hundred species of birds have been observed in the Boulder Dam Recreational Area, Nevada.

American traffic ideas, such as street-crossing underpasses and parking decks for storing automobiles, are proposed for London.

The emanation from the feet of a running fox has been known to form a scent band 20 yards broad for hounds to follow, even on a still day.

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