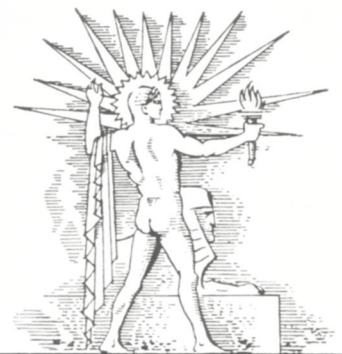


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Do You Know?

Yellowstone National Park boasts over 1,100 different flowering plants, about 500 of which may be in bloom at one time.

Synthetic wool made from casein, by-product of milk, is found capable of taking the dyes used in coloring real wool.

Mosquito larvae are being used in Department of Agriculture laboratories to test the killing power of new insecticides.

Paris has a new Museum of Man, containing exhibits of various races and their customs, and also maintaining laboratories for research work.

The word "hybrid" was originally used by ancient Romans to describe pigs whose fathers were wild boars and whose mothers were tame sows.

The "battleship" in Arizona's petrified forest gets its name because big fossil logs stick out from an eroded formation like guns on a man-of-war.

American steel industry buys \$10,000 worth of platinum and thousands of carats of diamonds a year—for prosaic drilling and testing, not for jewelry.

Although Cortez and perhaps Columbus watched Indians playing with rubber balls, it was over 200 years before any semi-scientific report on rubber and its possibilities was received in Europe.

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An electric heater for outdoor commercial clocks has been developed.

A new wood and plastic product results in a wood that will not chip or crack or burn.

Scientists have found altogether 35 different species of fossil penguins, types that lived long ago.

The Food and Drug Administration is attacking the use of bottles and other containers that are so shaped as to seem larger than they are.

The first baby chinchillas born in England are reported to be thriving.

Berlin is to have a museum of medical history, like the Wellcome Museum in London.

The rare rock rhododendron, a dwarf species, is being safeguarded in the Siskiyou National Forest in Oregon.

To brighten up the dinner plate, potatoes are now being produced in colors: red, pink, blue, yellow, russet, purple, as well as white with blue or red eyes.

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