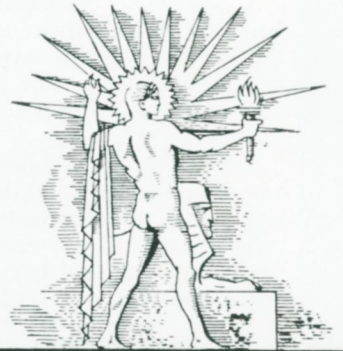


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Do You Know?

A stainless steel bathtub—believed the first in this country—solved a plumbing problem recently, when a light weight tub had to be provided for a remodeled home.

About 300 American doctors attended a "discussion of public health in the Soviet Union" in the Soviet pavilion at the New York World's Fair in September.

Yellowstone Park rangers figure that every time Old Faithful Geyser spouts in daylight hours during the tourist season, an average of 100 cameras are turned on it.

Canada's reindeer reserve is about 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle; yet stamina of the young animals is such that usually 85 to 90 per cent survive the intense cold.

To sneeze-proof homes of hay-fever sufferers, University of Texas engineers have invented, and will endeavor to patent, a filtering device using a fan, heater, and filters.

A model of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, exhibited at the New York World's Fair, was constructed by a Jewish Rabbi from close study of Bible documents and Jewish tradition.

A Field Museum botanist, when asked how long a pressed and dried plant will last, points out that moderately pressed garlands from 4,000-year-old Egyptian tombs are discolored but the form and texture are well preserved.

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In 1609, Captain John Smith wrote a good description of poison ivy.

Alaska is to have a fully-equipped laboratory for research on its fishery products.

Mississippi has joined the oil states, now that a wildcat well near Yazoo City is producing commercially.

Government scientists are developing what is expected to be ideal fishing ground in the historic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

The population of Britain in Roman days has been estimated at about a million.

There are now 436 seeing-eye dogs in the United States, trained to guide the blind.

Poison ivy, generally supposed to have a southern limit in Mexico, has been found in Guatemala.

Kansas City allows automobiles to speed up from the 25 mile city limit to 35 on arterial streets in the daytime—but not at night.

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