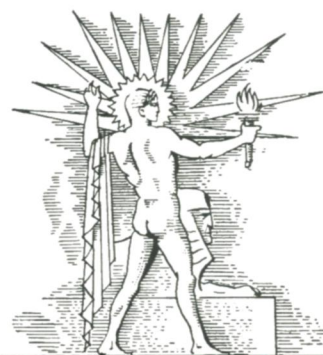
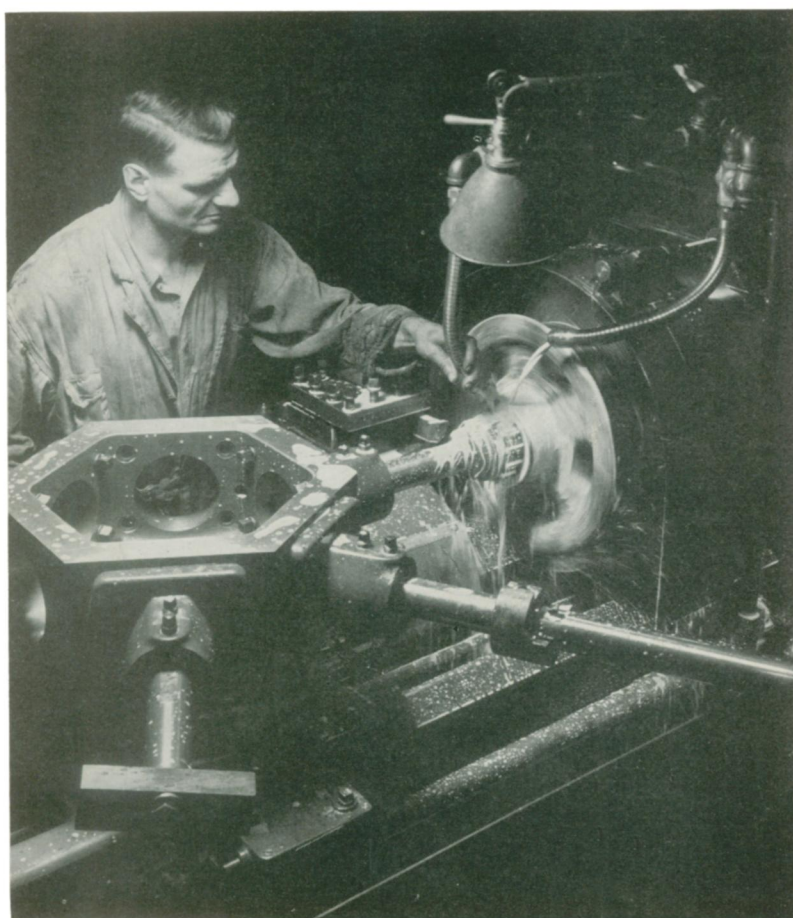


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Do You Know?

Seventeen million Americans suffer from *chronic diseases*, says a New York hospital director.

About 15 states now have laws requiring *pedestrians* to walk on the left side of the highway, facing on-coming traffic.

Diabetic patients in England are permitted to swap their sugar ration for an extra allowance of beef.

The dairy industry says that London had *milk bars* 200 years ago—and the cow was kept behind the bar.

The United States produces over 90% of the world's *molybdenum*—important in armaments as a toughener of steel.

A method of sizing paper so that it is *water-proof*, and can even be written on when wet, is being commercialized in this country.

The Bureau of Mines recommends that *detonators* and explosives should not be transported in the same car, and some mining states have safety laws to this effect.

It may yet be proved, says a British anthropologist, that the modern *Arab* is the descendant of the men who built famous ruined cities along the Tigris and Euphrates.

A new "*leaning wheel*" tire is designed to withstand the wear of carrying road-grading machines along, regardless of whether one wheel is high on a bank and the other down a ditch.

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About 18% more land is planted to *soybeans* in the United States this year than last.

Propeller-driven motor *sleds* used in the Finnish army had speeds up to 100 miles an hour.

The name *torpedo* was apparently first used to describe a war invention by Robert Fulton.

A *Sea Gull Monument* in Salt Lake City recalls the California gulls that saved Mormon pioneers from a cricket plague.

The *puffer fish* blows itself up when excited until it resembles a ball with fins and tail.

There are nearly 1,500,000 *Mexicans* in the United States, about half of them living in Texas.

An all-purpose *gas mask* for industrial workers and firemen is said to protect against fumes, smokes, and mists.

Pumping 70 barrels of fuel oil overboard, to *calm* a mountainous sea, saved the American steamer *Antinous* on April 4, in the Pacific.

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