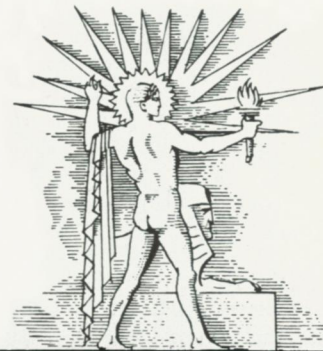


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Do You Know?

America's *mountain sheep*, instead of being woolly, have a hairy coat.

Whale milk, wildlife experts say, is not essentially different from cow's milk.

A *rattlesnake* often loses part of its "birth certificate"—the number of rattles that can be counted to show its age.

Odd cases of *allergy* include individuals who can eat rooster meat but have allergic reactions after eating meat of hens.

The original "*carats*" are said to have been seeds of a locust tree so uniform in size that ancient dealers used them to weigh gems.

One wildlife observer says that a *deer* has such power of smell that he can get a man's odor at a full mile if the day is damp and wind favorable.

A piece of dirty pottery from a second-hand store in Los Angeles was recently identified as a *Roman amphora*, or storage jar, of the first century A.D.

On exhibit by the New York Aquarium Society are two tame *toads* that eat cooked vegetables, scraped liver or beef, farina, chocolate, "almost anything."

To speed up *paint jobs* in one American airplane factory, endless conveyor chains carry cylinders and crankcase sections past the painters, who remain at the same station.

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The Department of Agriculture finds that *rats* would rather starve than eat food dosed with meal made from rattlesnake beans.

The original *cornerstone* of Philadelphia's Franklin Institute, laid in 1825, has never been found.

According to a study made at a Midwestern state college, 89% of the girls with good feet had good posture.

Star gems, says a Field Museum mineralogist, usually show four- or six-rayed stars as a result of an optical phenomenon known as asterism.

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