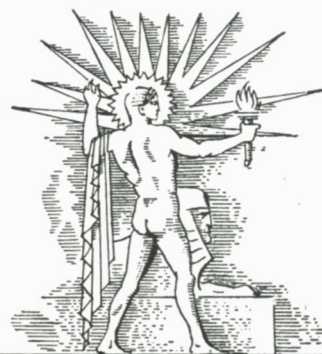


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Do You Know?

British postage stamps of lower values are to be printed in paler colors—to save dyes.

Useful in assembling airplanes are "firecracker" rivets, which explode into place at the touch of an electric gun.

When the weather changes suddenly, New York's telephone weather report service sometimes gets 4,200 calls in half an hour.

To give Army gunners practice in anti-tank warfare, electrically operated targets move tank-fashion, at a new Fort Dix target range.

A report from Moscow says that more than 10,000,000 Russians in factories, offices, colleges and farms have been trained to work in gas masks.

The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey has surveyed 200,000 square miles of the Gulf of Alaska, charting under-sea mountains as high as 12,000 feet on the sea floor.

Movie actresses are at their best, so far as performance and income go, between ages of 25 and 29, and movie actors between 30 and 34, a psychologist reports.

Connecticut has given its hybrid corn an historic naming system, earliest ripening varieties getting such names as Standish, Plymouth and Jamestown, and so on, following American history with later ripening varieties until the very late corn is named Churchill, Roosevelt, Hull, and Wavell.

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Citrus wood may be a usable source of lignin for making plastics and other products, two California scientists report.

Glasgow school children are reported to be about a year behind in reading achievement, the result of war conditions.

A recent Japanese order raises the amount of alcohol to be mixed with gasoline for automobiles from 15% to 20%.

Indians obtained flour and edible oil from sunflower seed.

Wearing headphones and holding a microphone, an Argentine parachutist recently broadcast his experiences during descent.

Some German parachute agents dropped in England have been accompanied by homing pigeons for message-sending.

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