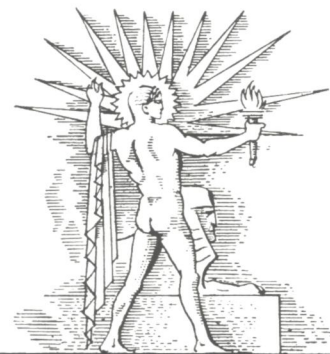
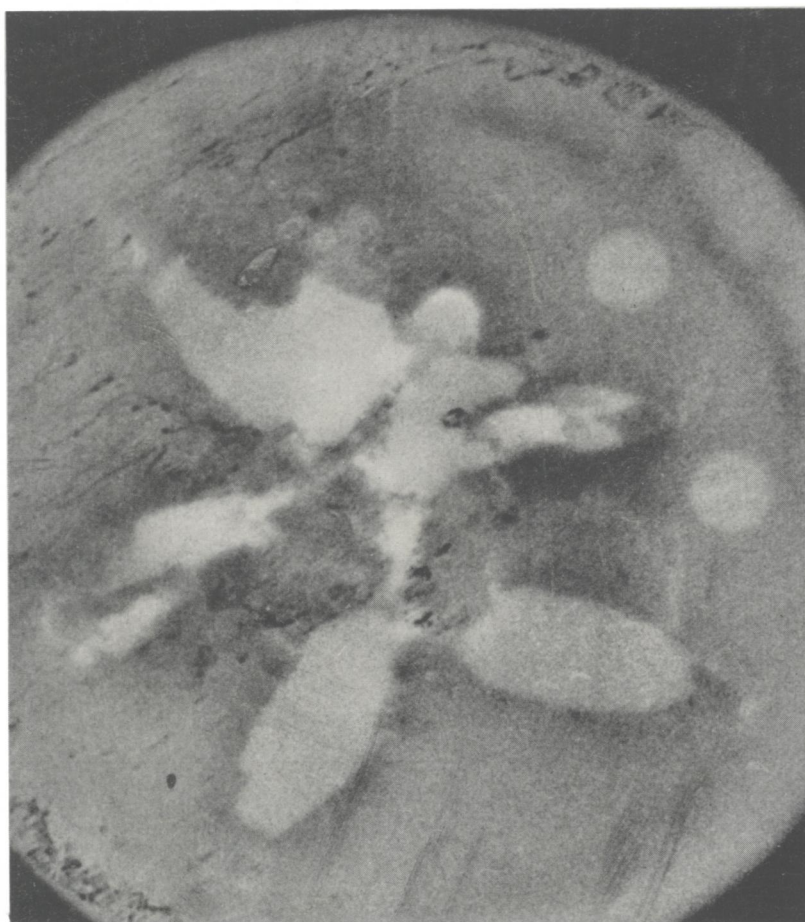


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Do You Know?

Boulder dam is the highest in the world—726 feet.

Sweden's *grain* crop for 1941 is the smallest since 1917.

Lightning voltage is estimated as high as 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 volts.

The North American *elf owl* is the tiniest on the continent—it is no larger than a sparrow.

Tobacco of the Burley and Virginia types is now produced in Austria under German direction.

A new species of *spiderlily*, discovered in Guatemala, now is growing in Chicago's Garfield Park.

The *catfish* of the African swamps swims upside down on occasion—the only fish known to do so.

Germany is using over two million war prisoners and foreign civilians in her *agriculture* and industry.

For crossword puzzle fans—the moa is a giant flightless bird of New Zealand similar to the rhea and the emu.

Shortage of tin and shipping space has turned chemists toward research on more concentrated foodstuffs, particularly, *dehydrated vegetables*.

Some *molecules* wriggle like worms when an alternating electric field is applied, Dr. Raymond M. Fuoss of General Electric Research Laboratory has learned.

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A woodpecker's *tongue* is longer than his head.

The *homing* instinct of pigeons is still a mystery.

An *electric eel* can discharge a shock of about 450 volts, enough to kill a man.

Atoms of pure *iron* at ordinary temperature are arranged in a crystal structure.

Because *Borneo* jungles are so thick, rivers are used for communication; rainfall is extremely heavy.

Some species of *mice* can jump 10 feet at a bound.

Radium evolves enough heat in an hour to melt its own weight in ice.

Pulling power of modern steam *locomotives* is 70% greater than in 1913.

Farsightedness is the most common visual defect among American school children.

Five pounds of whole wheat bread contain a quarter of a teaspoonful of *calcium*.

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