

SCIENTIA INTERNATIONAL

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Aeronautica.—Un raffinatissime paracadita ha esseit perfecteate que pote esser teledirigite con respecto al direction de su descendita. Illo ha le apparentia de un paracadita conventional excepte que un del sectiones de su superficie ha esseit eliminate. Il es le position del resultante apertura que pote esser regulate per radiodirectivas; e con le position del apertura etiam le direction del descendita del paracadita e de su carga es influente.

Agronomia.—Es reportate ex Russia experimentos con semines de mais coperite de paraffin. Le metodo pare proteger le semines contra fungos e bacterios e rende possibile planter los plus precocemente, a un tempore quando le terra es ancora multo frigide. Le frigido non preveni le initiation del precesso germinatori, secundo le reporto russe. Iste reporto etiam nota que duo travaliatores pote compler le parafinization de plus que 500 libras de mais in un hora.

Archeologia.—Modernissime instrumentos electronic—concipite al uso in recercas atomic o in studios del corpores celeste—es usate a bon successo in multe areas de exploration archeologic. Un exemplo es le traciamento del muro del citate de Sybaris in Italia (que esseva destruite in le sexto seculo ante nostre era). In ille region le terreno e le stratos natural sub illo es magnetic. Tamen, le muro de Sybaris, hodie subterranea, esseva construite ex materiales non-magnetic, de maniera que le sensibilissime instrumento cognoscite como le magnetometro protonic poteva esser usate pro traciar le curso de illo sin ulla excavation. Un simile caso es le precise location de tumbas etrusc le quales poteva esser examinate in detalio sin le uso de instrumentos excavatori per le introduction de un apparatura optic via un micre apertura de foramento.

Astronautica.—C. L. Barker Jr. de Huntsville, Alabama, ha recipite un patente pro le invention de un apparato que simula le absentia de peso. Le apparato, destinate pro le trainamento de astronautas, consiste de un vehiculo, un pista circular, e un pista vertical. Le vehiculo es accelerate rapidemente in le pista circular usque ill attinge le rapiditate de 200 millias per hora. Alora illo es divertite al pista vertical. Durante le subsequente ascendita e descendita le peso del occupantes del vehiculo es nullificate pro un maximo de 30 secundas.

Astronomia.—E. Chavira del Universitate Mexico ha discoperte un brillante supernova in le constellation Virgine. Le brillantia intrinsec del supernova, nunc a su maximo, excede per 200,000,000 vices le brillantia de nostre sol. Nonobstante, illo es del magnitud 13, e es visible solmente per medio de un telescopio. Le galaxia in que illo se trova es si inconspicue que illo ha nulle nomine e mesmo nulle numero de identification.

Cardiologia.—Un metodo pro le inspection visual del interior del corde, non requirete le aperimento chirurgic del thorace, esseva disveloppate e es reportate per duo medicos svede. Le metodo utilisa un catheter que es introducite in le auricula dextere via un vena tappate justo supra le osso clavicular. Al puncta del catheter se trova un microsystema optic de lentes e speculos e un ballon que pote esser inflate pro reprimir le sanguine in le auricula. Le prime labores in le disveloppamento de iste nove adjuta de diagnose cardiologic esseva effectuate in animales. Tamen, le metodo ha jam esseit empleate a bon successo in pacientes human. Illo non reimplaciara altere methodos sed suplementara los.

Defensa Civil.—Le statounitese Bureau de

Standards ha publicate un guida pro le construction de refugios de protection contra le precipitation atomic. Viste le apathia que characteriza currentemente le attitude del publico american verso problemas de defensa civil, on non expecta que le libro va devenir un bestseller.

Medicina Generai.—Drs. R. A. Camerini-Davalos e A. Marble del Schola Medical Harvard reporta que inter 1.965 diabeticos tractate con tolbutamido durante periodos de un mense usque a 5 annos, il habeva 432 casos de insucceso secundari, i.e., successo initial durante al minus un mense, sequite per insucceso. In tal casos insulin remane le mejor medication disponibile.

Oceanologia.—Un microsubmarino (de minus que 6 m de longor e minus que 2 m de altor) es in uso in recercas oceanologic. Le nave porta un equipa de duo personas, i.e. normalmente un ingeniero-piloto e un scientista-observator. Illo pote descendere a profundores de usque a 80 m. Su velocitate maximal es 6 nodos al superficie a 5 nodos in motion submarin. Su plus importante (e interessante) characteristica es su dozena de oculos de bove que provide un excellente grado de visibilitate.

Ornithologia.—Dece-tres species de aves americanas es in grave periculo de extinction. In le majoritate de iste casos, minus que cinquanta individuos supervive per specie. Al minus 27 altere species es confrontate con le mesme fato si le currente methodos de utilisar terrenos progrede.

Pharmacologia.—Le droga somnifere thalidomido esseva supprimite, post su previe admission in le mercatos german e britannic, quando il esseva demonstrate que futur matres, usante lo durante le precoce phases del pregnanitia, parturiva infantes con sever malformations physic. In West-Germania le droga ha causate un estimate 400 malformate nascentias. In Britannia on expecta ancora 800 tales ante le fin del currente anno. Le malformations assi causate es non-mortals in circa 50% del casos. Le resultant invalidismo in le superviventes es generalmente sever. Anormalitates de pulmon, hepate, ren, e altere organos interne es etiam non rar, sed—estraniamente—illos es nunquam incontrate in infantes qui non exhibi malformatio extremitates, durante que malformation externe con normalitate interne es frequente.

Physica Nucleari.—Satellites circumterrestre artificial, del typo usabili como station de relais de telecommunication, pote esser construite con le uso de strontium-90 como fonte de energia de radiodiffusion in loco del plus conventional celulas solar. Un generator de 60 watt con energia ab strontium-90 haberea un peso de circa 60 kg e un vita active de 20 annos o plus.—Reporto de Dr. J. G. Morse del Compania Martin a Baltimore, Maryland.

Recercas de Cancere.—Un promittente metodo pro le segregation preliminari de subjectos suspecte de haber cancer (o altere disordines) del larynge in studios precocissime esseva elaborate in le laboratorios recercatori Cambridge del statounitese fortias aeree. Le metodo consiste in le analyse, effectuate per medio de computatores electronic, del formas de unda in le parlar routinari del subjecto examine. Ille formas de unda es tirate, per medio de un oscilloscopio, ex le sonation de un registration vocal a banda magnetic. Le theorica al base del metodo es que le formas del undas in un voce particular depende del stato del chordas vocal. Un stato pathologic del chordas debe reflecter se in abnormal formas de unda.

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