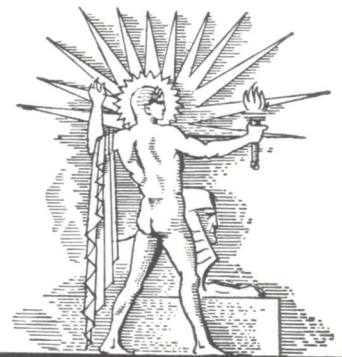
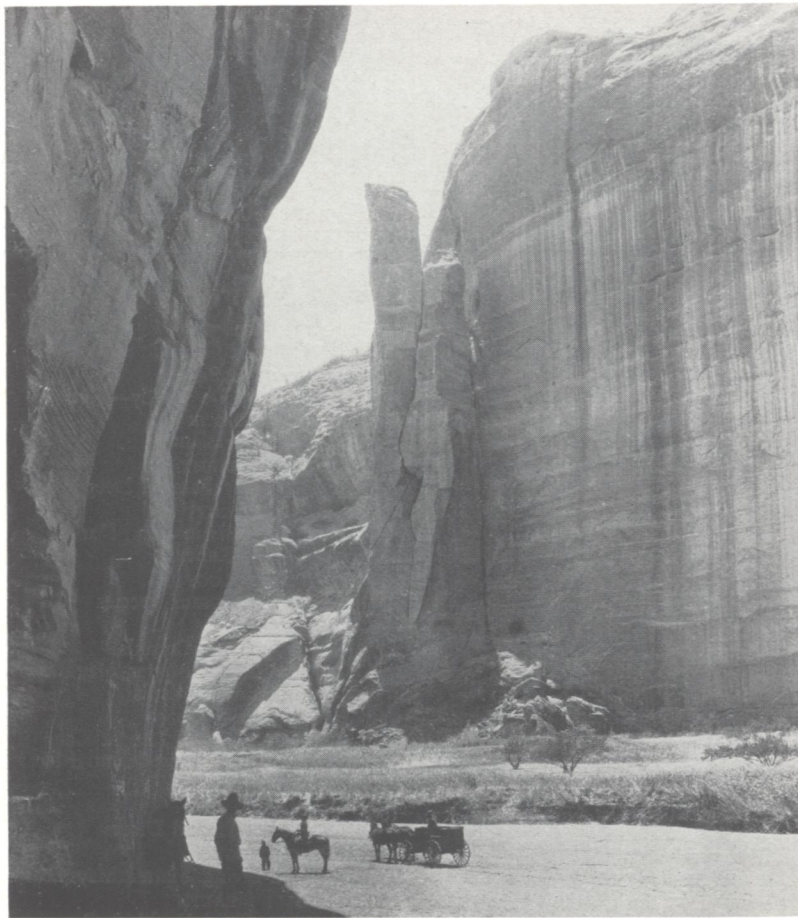


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

Africa's two great rivers, the Nile and the Congo, are now linked by a motor road, used by a regular motor mail service.

Taking the measure of a raindrop, by letting drops fall into plaster of Paris, shows that the largest drops are about a quarter of an inch across.

The mongoose, introduced into the Hawaiian Islands to exterminate the rat, has itself become a serious pest, while doing very little to lessen the number of rats.

"Smog" is the weather man's name for the combination of smoke and fog which sometimes besieges cities in cold weather.

An international committee is arranging for the compilation of a map of the Roman Empire; the first sheet, showing part of Great Britain, has already appeared.

A Roman lady's cosmetic box, still containing grease paint and materials for mixing cosmetics, has been found near Frankfurt, Germany.

Falconry, the art of hunting with trained birds, was known in China about 2000 B. C.

Because the early Egyptian calendar allowed exactly 365 days to a year, a festival observed on a fixed date would occur a day earlier every four years, until in the course of 1,460 years it had been observed at every season and was back at the starting point.

Lightning rods are being placed more frequently on trees, to protect valuable trees and also to protect horses that take shelter under trees in sudden storms.

An international agreement on uniform storm signals is sought, to replace some 40 different systems now in use.

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