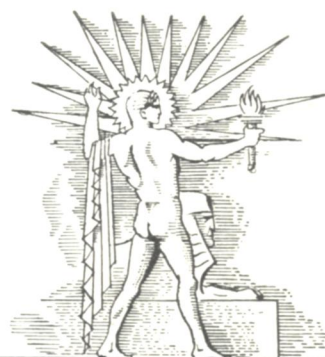
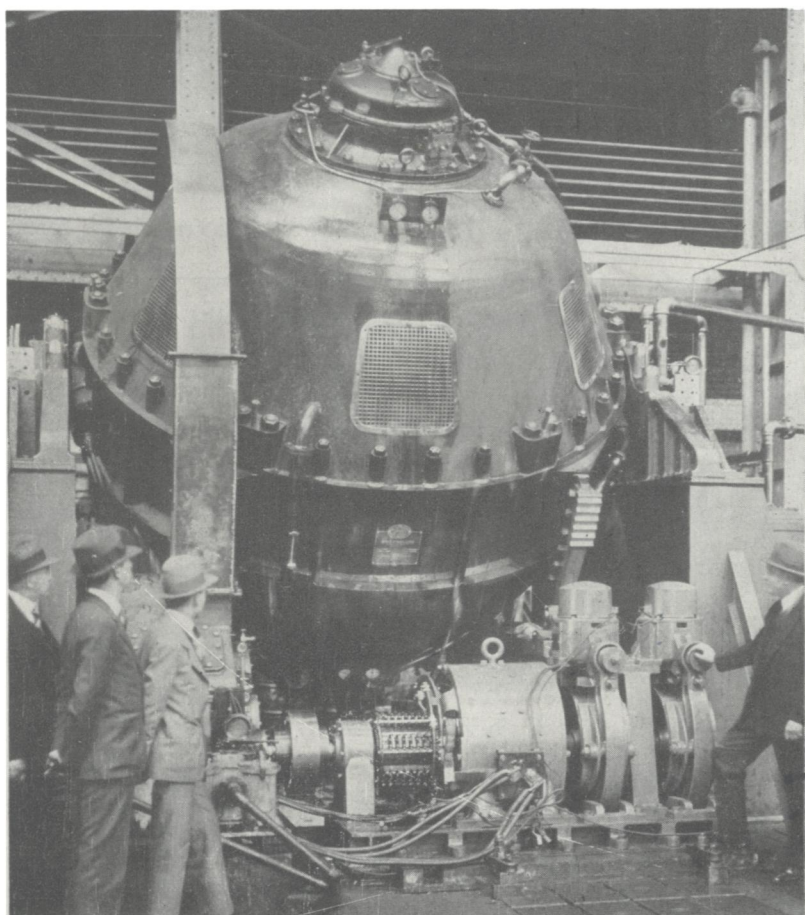


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

A Louisiana biologist says that muskrats keep any wound clean by constant licking, and if the flesh becomes infected they do not hesitate to gnaw it away.

Male parrots respond to teaching somewhat better than female birds.

Horace, Pliny, and other writers of ancient Rome complained of the noise of the city, long before automobile horns, street cars, and radios.

Pedestrians in Elizabeth, N. J., can now cross one busy intersection safely by means of a signal light which remains green for automobile traffic except when a pedestrian presses a button turning on a red light to stop vehicular traffic for a short interval.

In Massachusetts alone, four tons of bees work to fertilize the apple blossoms.

Experiments have shown that the afternoon rest of children is much quieter than their night rest.

There are plants in the Alps that blossom while covered with half a yard of snow.

Of the 700 species of trees in the United States and Canada, only about 10 per cent. are put to important economic uses at present.

One large baking company has found that weather influences cake sales; sweet cakes are much more in demand in cool spells of weather than in hot.

A new English language called Anglic has been introduced by a professor of the Royal University of Upsala, Sweden, who has found the most frequent spelling of the different sounds in English and uses that spelling to simplify the learning of English for foreigners.

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