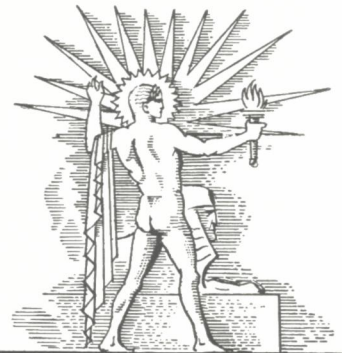
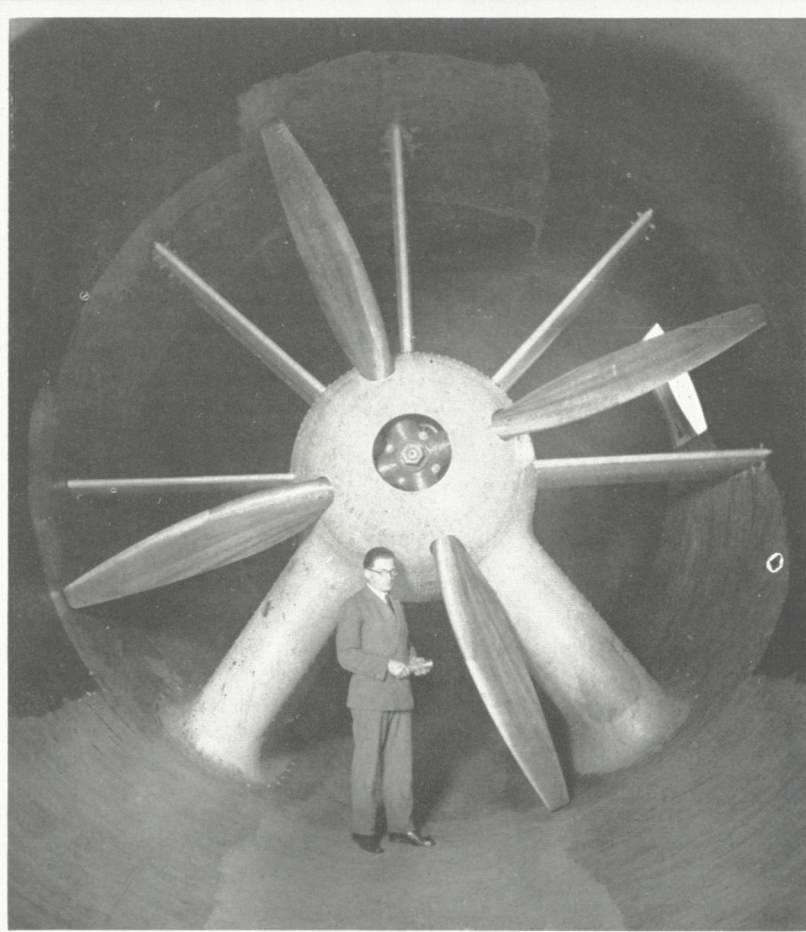


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DO YOU KNOW THAT

There is no foundation for the belief that soaking or boiling poisonous mushrooms in salt water will make them harmless to eat.

Homing pigeons were used by the Roman army to carry messages in wartime at least as far back as 43 B. C.

Nebraska is using radio programs regularly to broadcast singing lessons to children in rural schools of the state.

Iroquois Indians held a thanksgiving ceremony when the strawberries ripened, because of their appreciation of this first fruit of the year.

Bay trees of the Virgin Islands yield an oil which might be in considerable demand in world trade if extracted by modern methods.

Many people who avoid eating strawberries because of high acidity could eat the milder flavored varieties, the U. S. Department of Agriculture points out.

"Monster" pictures of insect pests are being sent out to farming districts, under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in order to aid the farmers in identifying these public enemies.

Recent experiments indicate that babies under six months of age do not show interest in colors.

An automatic device that keeps count of the words written on a typewriter has been invented.

The homicide death rate in American cities is about 10 per 100,000 of population, as contrasted with about 0.5 per 100,000 in England and Wales.

To remove a crust of silicate deposits from a rare antique vase, an expert at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts risked firing the vase at 450 degrees heat, almost the melting point of the glazes; but this removed the deposit, revealing the design.

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