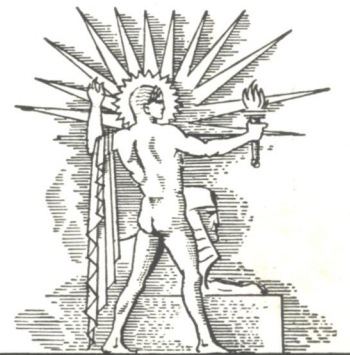
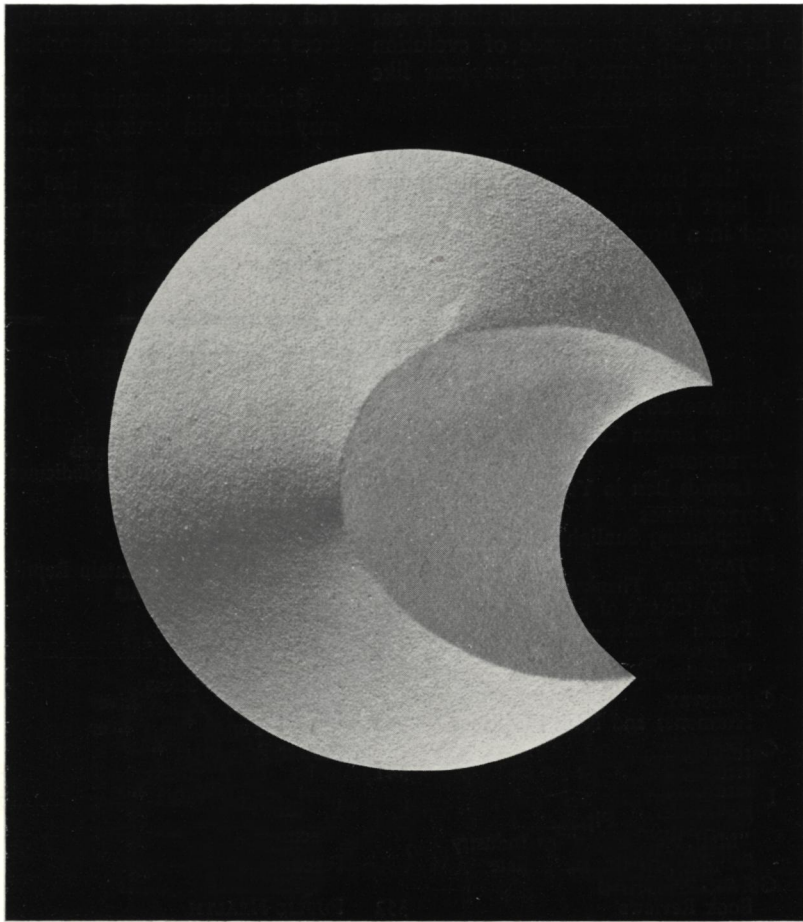


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? DO YOU KNOW THAT ?

Salmon meat is rich in vitamin D.

Since 1500 A. D. Iceland has exceeded all other regions in the output of lava from its volcanoes.

A British meteorologist estimates that the world gets on an average 44,000 thunderstorms a day.

Steam whistles are as inefficient as they are noisy, it appears from a test in which a twelve-inch whistle was found consuming as much as 400 horsepower.

The elephant, crocodile, and rhinoceros are among the animals that appear to be on the down-grade of evolution and that will some day disappear like the great dinosaurs.

Tests made by an aluminum company show that butter wrapped in aluminum foil kept fresh for six weeks while stored in a household electric refrigerator.

Autogiros are being used in enforcing hunting regulations in Pennsylvania.

More than 1,200 kinds of cactus have been studied at the Desert Laboratory, in Arizona, in efforts to learn more about plant life in hot, dry surroundings.

Out of 5,231 graduates of agricultural courses in land-grant colleges, only 937 entered farm work, according to a recent survey by the Office of Education.

Just about a century ago, 1830 to 1837, people of the United States were struck by a silk-producing craze, and the fad of the day was raising mulberry trees and breeding silkworms.

Bright blue biscuits and blue cereal may now add variety to the breakfast table, since a new coal-tar color, known as Brilliant Blue FCF, has been added to the "permitted" list of food dyes by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

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