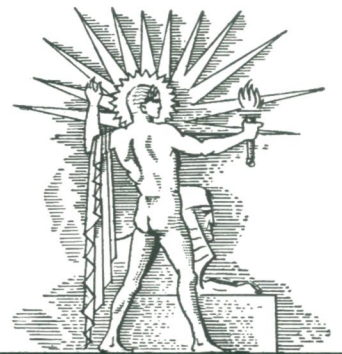


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## DO YOU KNOW?

Oil from swordfish livers is found to contain remarkably high vitamin potency.

Russian scientists are working on a map of the Soviet Arctic to be completed in 1937.

An eminent neurologist says that the brain is not one organ but a hundred organs combined.

Forty-one of Australia's 65 public museums are entirely financed by the Commonwealth or State.

The proposed air line from Shanghai to the capital of Tibet, Lhasa, would reduce a three-month trip to four days.

Mount Nebo, traditional site of the burial of Moses, was a place of Christian pilgrimage as far back as 386 A.D.

The serious heart malady, angina pectoris, strikes men more often than women, due apparently to their more strenuous activities.

Citronella oil, bane of mosquitoes, comes from a grass cultivated in Ceylon and Java.

More than 100 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables are now frozen each year by the frozen pack industry.

The industrialization program of Persia has advanced a step with the opening of the first cement factory in that country.

Ethylene gas is found an effective means of removing the husks from walnuts when the outer husks fail to crack normally.

A pencil with a light just back of the point is a new French invention for news reporters and others who need to take notes in dark auditoriums.

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