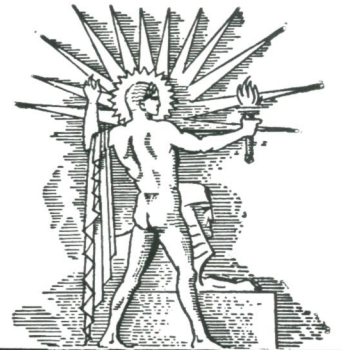
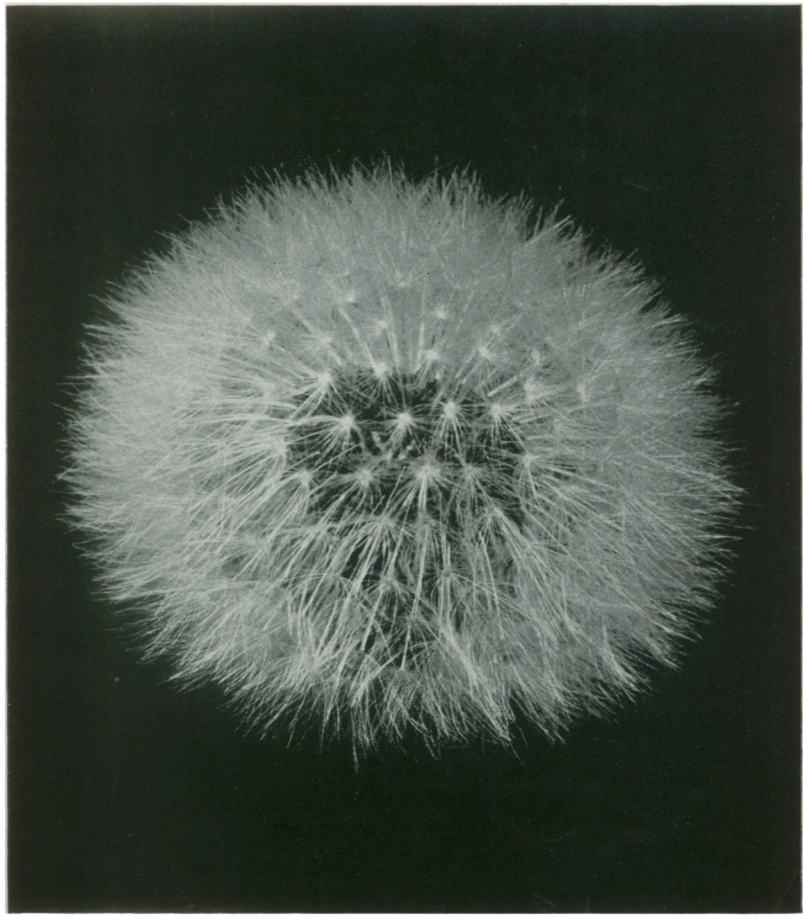


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DO YOU KNOW?

Our word calculate comes from the old practice of using pebbles, called in Latin "calculi," in counting.

A hoard of 26,000 ancient bronze coins was recently discovered stored in what appears to have been an Egyptian bank at Karanis.

There is no foundation for the belief that sour cream contains more butterfat; and, in fact, only butter of inferior quality can be made from it.

A welded joint for rails, which holds the rails tight and yet is flexible enough to allow for expansion and contraction, has been invented in Stockholm.

Two British trucks recently traveled the 3,000 miles from Haifa to Kabul cheaply, using gas generated from charcoal in place of the usual gasoline.

The largest granite monoliths in the world are El Capitan and Half Dome, in the Yosemite Valley in California.

Tuberculosis is killing the Indians at seven times the white man's rate, says Commissioner of Indian Affairs John Collier.

The subway now being built in Moscow is to carry passenger traffic from the center of town to the suburbs in ten directions.

Not only are one-third of the Tibetan male population priests, but there are also large numbers of unmarried women who serve as nuns in convents.

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