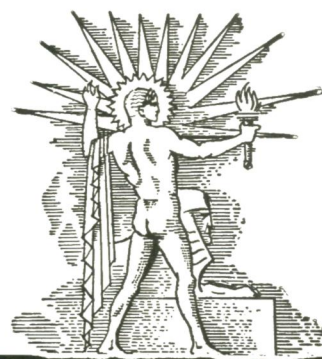
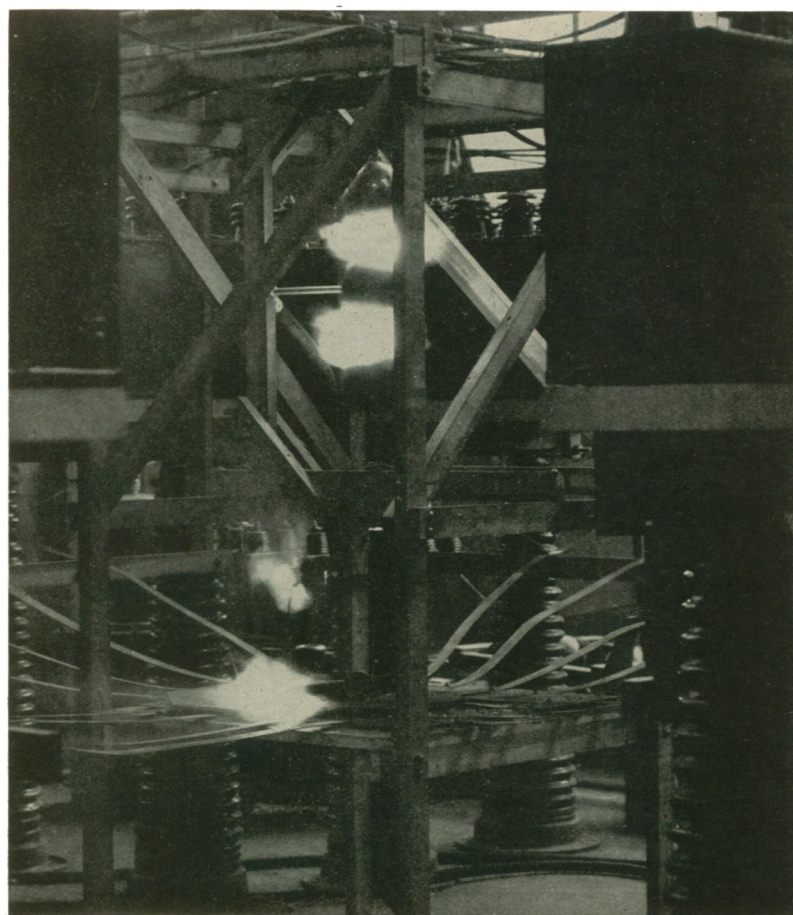


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DO YOU KNOW?

Great coal seams occur within a hundred miles of the South Pole.

The Great Lakes region is known to weather men as one of the stormiest lands in the world.

A new fumigant is being successfully used to fight the "bookworm" that eats up books and bindings.

Canada is trying to create a market for her wheat surplus by using grain alcohol as motor car fuel.

China has begun to adopt American methods of soil survey, and is taking an inventory of her soil fertility resources.

Grasshopper poisoning, if properly conducted, will do little or no injury to birds, says the Bureau of Biological Survey.

Sales of Japanese silks in the United States have become reduced to a point where the Japanese silk industry is endangered.

A telescope now being constructed for Padua Observatory will be the largest in Italy.

Modern doctors have never agreed in identifying the cause of the poet Milton's blindness.

In 1868, the death rate for New York City's slum areas was six times what it is today.

Snakes, as a whole, are beneficial to mankind in that they destroy myriads of insects and rodents.

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