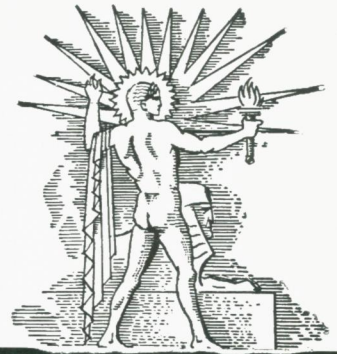


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DO YOU KNOW?

Yellow fever is endemic at present in western Africa and tropical South America.

Grapefruit were introduced into Florida by the Spaniards as early as the sixteenth century.

One-fifth of the beds in general hospitals in this country are used for patients with chronic diseases.

Paris has a cageless zoo, where even the wildest animals are separated from visitors only by wide, deep trenches.

Boundary lines of the Navajo reservation, heretofore somewhat vague, have been fixed by a new act of Congress.

A farm tractor controlled by radio from the farmhouse is being exhibited at the Century of Progress in Chicago.

To study cosmic rays, Soviet scientists will have a laboratory on Mount Alagoz in Armenia, 14,400 feet above the sea.

The largest American bats, found in Brazil, have a wing spread of over two feet.

When brass corrodes there is an actual change of composition of the alloy at the corroded points, with a loss of zinc.

The egg of a marbled Murrelet has been found on Vancouver Island, and is said to be the second egg of this bird ever discovered.

The land bridge of the Isthmus of Panama first linked the Americas about 20,000,000 years ago, according to a geological estimate.

Thirteen deer, shipped from Mount Vernon to the Shenandoah proposed national park, have been released in an ideally wild home.

Government chemists have made an alkaline ink that seems to be harmless to paper, in contrast to deteriorative effects of acid writing inks.

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