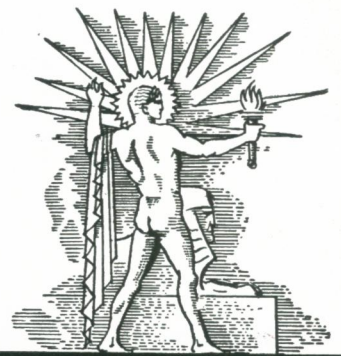


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Cats, like men, cannot see in absolute darkness. _____

Germany is waging active war on clothes moths. _____

The eye condition known as astigmatism or "distorted focus" was not recognized until 1801. _____

The skeleton of a Neandertal child was unearthed recently in the Vezere Valley, France. _____

Using paper film, state health authorities have found that 100 children can be X-rayed in 40 minutes. _____

According to the latest list, there are 159 nationalities represented in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. _____

The great crusaders' castle known as Krak des Chevaliers, in Syria, has been ceded to France for preservation. _____

The University of California has been awarded a certificate of honor for breeding a new rust-resistant snapdragon. _____

Skin eruption blamed on the dye in socks may actually be caused either by the dye, the material, or the finish. _____

Those long-snouted members of the bear family, the sloth bears, live mainly on an insect diet. _____

Many Spanish words brought to America by soldiers and colonists are obsolete in Spain today but still live in the Spanish spoken in the Southwest. _____

Scientists are to spend five months next year in the high mountains of Cashmir, India, studying the effects of high altitude on man and animals. _____

The oldest Egyptian mummy known is said to be that of Ra-Nofer of the third dynasty, about 2900 B.C., now in the Royal College of Surgeons in London. _____

At the "trachoma school" on the Fort Apache Reservation in Arizona, 300 Indian children will receive intensive treatment for this eye ailment and some incidental schooling. _____

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