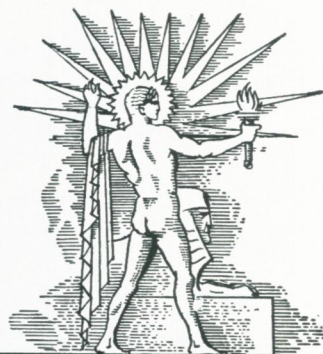


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The electric eel can apparently regulate the power of the current it releases.

Making men's neckties of leather is a new branch of the leather industry in this country.

Gladiolus plants grown outdoors for cut flowers can be forced by heating the soil with electricity.

An African fish called *Pantodon buchholtzi* eats practically nothing but living cockroaches.

Plans are being made to establish a Spanish-American University at San Diego, California.

In the time of Charles the First of England, a health ruling forbade cellars being used as lodgings.

Government chemists have developed a fast new method for preparing extracted honey for market.

Southern California has a queer health problem: exterminating rats that take shelter in palm trees.

Canada's highest peak, Mount Waddington popularly called Mount Mystery, has never yet been climbed.

Cherries and apricots especially suitable for North Dakota conditions are being developed at the State Agricultural College.

A bronze statuette of Hercules recently found by a peasant in Boeotia is pronounced a masterpiece of Greek art of about 490 B.C.

Of the four great cities of the Roman Empire—Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, and Antioch—only Antioch can be excavated on an extensive scale.

The flat and battered look of the nose on the Egyptian Sphinx is attributed to the cannonading of Napoleon's soldiers at the Battle of the Pyramids.

Whether a snake bite will have serious results depends not only on the amount of venom injected, but on the victim's natural degree of susceptibility, and whether the venom is injected directly into a vein or artery or not.

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