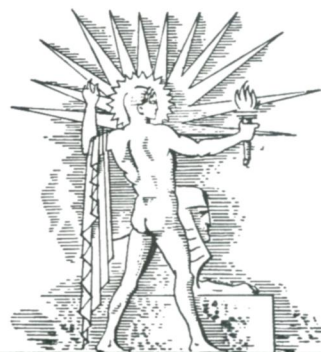


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Do You Know?

In China, the butterfly is a symbol of immortality.

Italy reports finding in Albania valuable deposits of high grade iron ore.

Out of 11 kinds of milk listed by the Department of Agriculture, reindeer milk is richest—it has 22% butterfat.

The world's population increased nearly five-fold in about three centuries, from 1630 to 1930, says a noted population expert.

Figures of Buddha are made according to exact proportions, which the devout Buddhist regards as established by divine revelation.

Ceylon is worried over a 400% rise in price of acetic and formic acids imported from Germany for rubber processing; and efforts to make acetic acid locally from coconut shells may be launched.

Each domestic science class in Lausanne, Switzerland, has adopted a needy Swiss soldier, taking care of his laundry and mending, and cheering him with class-made cakes and other foods and with friendly letters.

The ten minerals which the War Department lists as strategic—meaning that the United States cannot expect to produce them in sufficient quantities for industrial or wartime needs—are manganese, nickel, chromium, tungsten, tin, aluminum, antimony, mercury, platinum, and mica.

Making gears and other articles from metal powders is one of the newer fields of metallurgy.

The Pilgrims found cranberries growing wild in Massachusetts bogs, but not until about 1850 did a cranberry industry get started.

A way of spraying hot shellac on wood, glass, and other surfaces is reported by chemists at University College, London.

Cane and beet sugar are chemically identical except for slight impurities which in both kinds make up only a small fraction of one per cent.

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