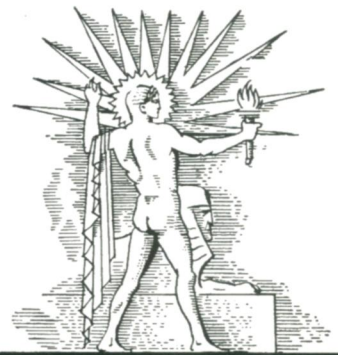


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Do You Know?

Twelve Venetians who came to Jamestown colony in Virginia helped start America's glass industry.

A national campaign to cut down undesirable and unprofitable varieties of apple trees has been suggested.

Long-staple Sea Island cotton is reported especially suitable for making parachutes and airplane wing coverings.

About 90% of the United States' imports of oils and fats come from South America, West Africa, and the Far East.

Paint experts say that an object may appear heavier in weight if painted red or orange, lighter in weight if colored blue or yellow.

Temperature at the lighted end of a cigarette has been measured by sensitive instruments—it turns out to be 1,375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Traffic lines of neon light tubing under a red transparent cover of plastic embedded flat in the pavement are being tried out in Little Rock, Ark.

A rare instance of a bird marked in Europe being found later in North America: a puffin banded on St. Kilda in August 1939 was brought down four months later in Newfoundland.

Since a newly hatched clothes moth larva can crawl through an opening 4/1,000 of an inch wide, government entomologists advise sealing cracks in clothes chests with gummed tape.

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The Japanese beetle, which apparently reached this country prior to 1912 in roots of Japanese plants, has spread to 23 states.

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