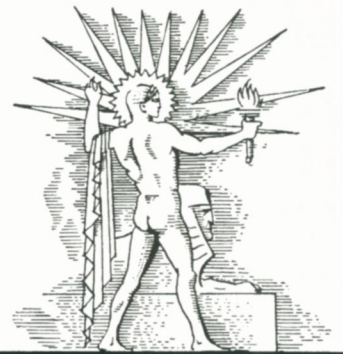
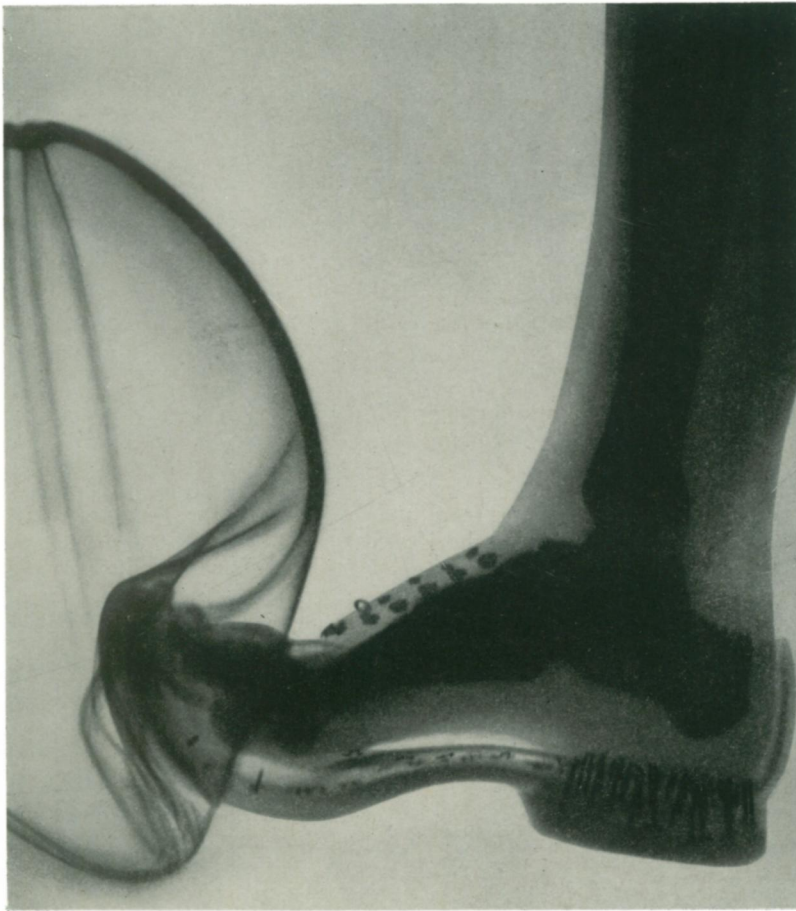


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Glass blocks gain insulating effectiveness by having a hollow center from which most of the air is removed.

Yellowstone National Park's famous *Old Faithful* geyser spouts 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of hot water at its hourly eruption.

The University of Michigan's fine collection of early printed books includes a *medical treatise* printed in 1466 by Ulrich Zell, once apprentice to Gutenberg.

*Coaches*, says a museum curator, are believed to have originated in Hungary in the fifteenth century and may have got their name from a town called Kocs or Kotzee.

Government agriculturists have had to warn against using too much of the new *hormone sprays* that prevent apples from dropping off trees—too strong a spray makes the fruit stick so tight it is hard to pick.

To paint an ice skating *rink* for a carnival, a St. Louis contractor sprayed special blue paint on the ice with a spray gun and then added a varnished look by spraying water over the paint to make a thin ice coating.

About 300 years before the famous *Trojan horse* episode, an Egyptian general vanquished a Near Eastern prince by drugging him at a peace conference, and then sending 200 soldiers carried in sacks into the prince's city in the guise of booty from a "defeated" Egypt.

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Canada expects to ship more than 2,000,000 *Christmas* trees to the United States by rail—war or no war.

The United States this year has received 35% of its high-grade *manganese* imports, essential in steel production, from Soviet Russia and 30% from British Africa.

Research scientists foresee that research could remove the menace of *carbon monoxide* generated by automobiles.

To make *tropical fish* comfortable, oil furnaces provide 70 degrees warmth to a Florida aquarium during cooler weather.

Tests indicate that by using pasteurized milk, American cheese manufacturers can produce a milder *Limburger cheese* of uniformly good quality throughout the year.

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