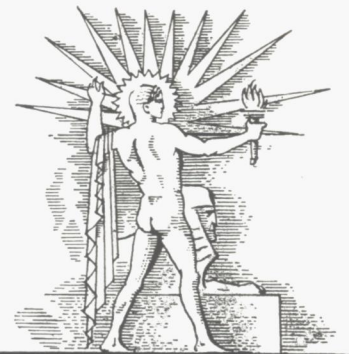
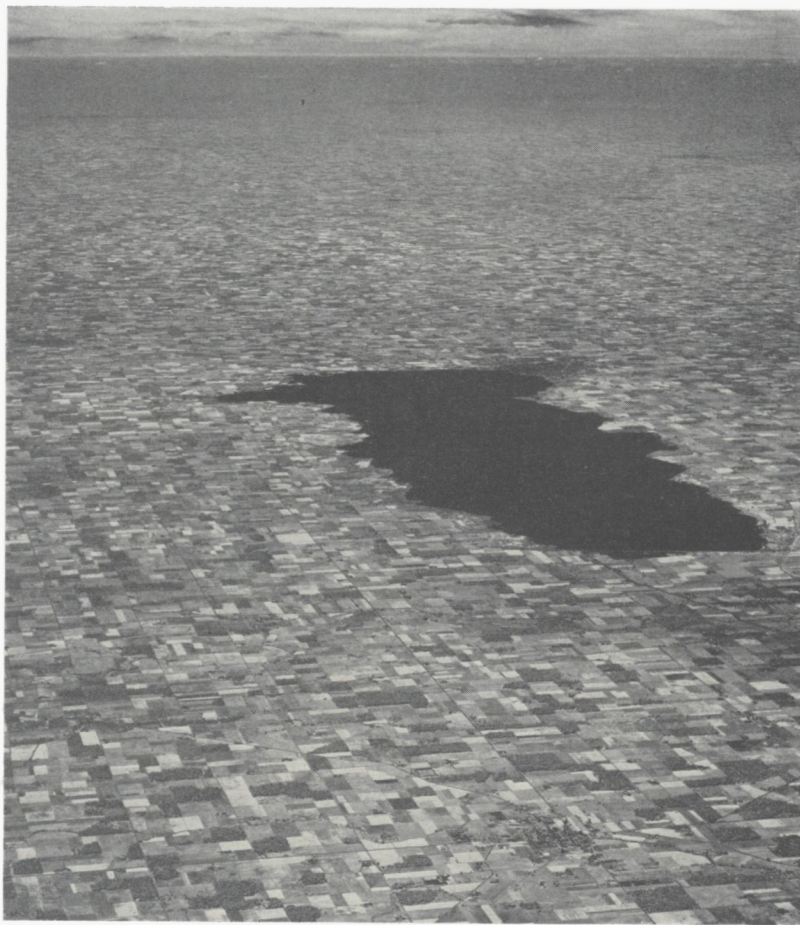


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Do You Know?

The *dolphin* is one of the fastest swimmers—its favorite food is flying fish.

The *paint* on the hull of a 10,000 ton cruiser may weigh as much as 100 tons.

Elephants had become the mounts of royalty in India long before the horse was known there.

Basic ration of *sugar* in England during the last year has been half a pound per week per person.

Cakes of salt were once used as *money* in Tibet and Abyssinia, while Mexicans once used cakes of soap.

In Norfolk, England, *toothache* was once believed caused by love, and sufferers got little sympathy.

Meat can be kept free from mold by storing it in iceboxes having carbon dioxide added to the atmosphere.

A single *house fly*, if all of its descendants lived and bred, would be the ancestor of 2,000,000 flies at the end of one summer.

Modern *dehydrating* machinery dries all kinds of fruits, milk and other foods in thin layers for shipping in condensed storage space.

Every cubic mile of ocean is estimated to contain 4,000,000 tons of *magnesium*; it is now believed the most promising source of this metal for the United States.

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One *washing machine* contains enough steel to make three machine guns.

More than 300 Washington, D. C. *taxicabs* have been selected to serve as ambulances during blackouts.

More than 16,000 persons were killed at railway *grade crossings* in the past 10 years.

The United States today owns nearly three-quarters of all above-ground *gold* on the globe; about \$22,700,000,000 worth.

The white *cliffs of Dover* are chalk rock composed of myriads of tiny shells of microscopic sea creatures that lived on the ocean floor ages ago.

Asparagus has been in cultivation for more than 2,000 years.

One *auto* contains enough tin to coat 1,000 cans of food for soldiers.

The *Galapagos tortoise* travels at the rate of about four miles a day.

Hot springs are generally found in the vicinity of active volcanoes, or in mountains formed by volcanic activity.

Normally the *liver* contains from 1% to 5% of fat, but in a diseased condition it may reach 30%.

Due to shortage of North African briar, American rhododendron and laurel roots are being dug for use as pipe bowls.

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