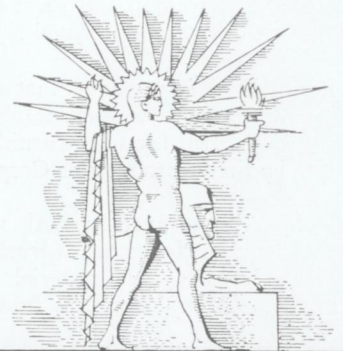
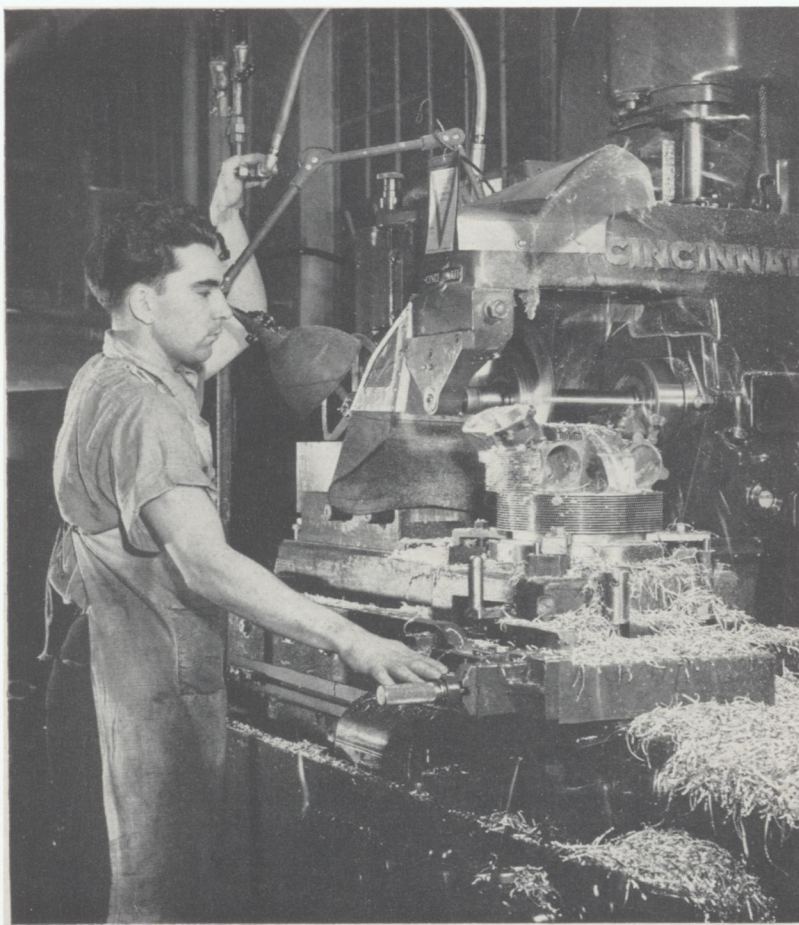


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Do You Know?

The tiny *hummingbird* can make a non-stop flight of 500 miles.

The *oar-fish* sometimes grows to be over 20 feet long and is called "king of the herrings."

American soldiers drink 6,000,000 cups of *coffee* every day, Army Quartermaster Corps officials estimate.

Grand Coulee dam will eventually provide water for irrigation of 1,200,000 acres of productive land.

Fatal *pulmonary embolism*—blockage of the pulmonary artery by blood clot—is very rare under the age of 50.

More than 52,000,000 forms in the Old Age Insurance Division of the Federal Government have been *microfilmed*.

Russian scientists have developed a "*heliofrigerator*" which converts solar heat into low temperatures by means of ammonia coils.

In parts of southern France and northern Spain the *pea (pois)* was the standard of weight, and some believe that is the origin of avoirdupois.

Drinking glasses that bounce when dropped, and unbreakable plates, cups and bowls are to be furnished the Army by the Quartermaster Corps.

A new metallurgical process which converts low-grade *chromite* ores into a higher grade material has been developed by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

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Sheepskin has been found the warmest of all furs by the U. S. Army.

The brink of *Niagara Falls* is receding at the average rate of 2½ feet a year.

There is enough *ice* in Antarctica to encase the entire globe in a sheet 120 feet thick.

Titanium dioxide, the whitest substance known, is made from ilmenite, blacker than coal.

A *Javanese* woman is always bareheaded in the presence of men, but she decks her hair with flowers.

Elephants were used by ancient armies as tanks are used today.

Almost 20,000,000 *goldfish* are reared annually in the United States.

Children's *eyes* do not become mature until they reach the seventh or eighth year.

Long before the Wright brothers, Leonardo da Vinci built model *gliders*—which could fly.

By throwing a patch of light on a cloud at night it is possible to calculate the height of the "*ceiling*" over airports.

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