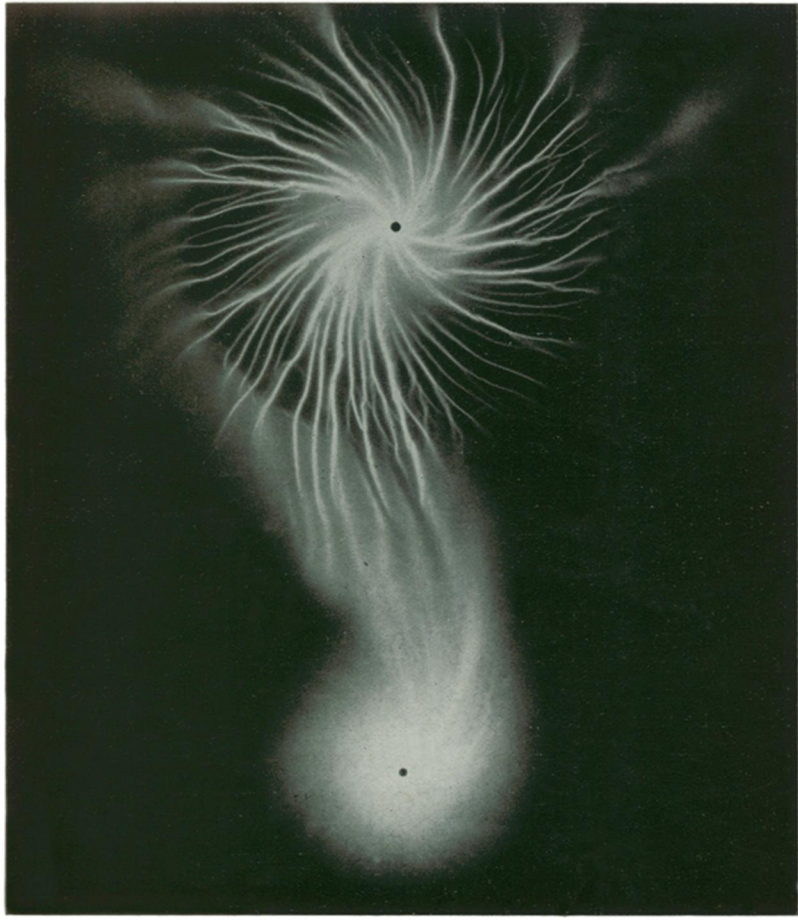


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DO YOU KNOW?

The first hybrid water lily was bred in 1851.

Denmark's one colonial possession is Greenland.

Glass, although fragile, possesses greater compressive strength than granite.

The custom of using funeral wreaths of flowers is at least as old as Egypt of 1500 B.C.

Accidents, of one sort or another, injured one person out of every 14 in this country last year.

A good deal of arthritis found in horses is occasioned by working the animals before they are mature.

Daily weather records were kept in Europe as early as the middle of the seventeenth century.

The gases used in luminous colored signs are mainly neon for red, argon for blue, helium for yellow.

The United States uses more than 30,000,000,000 tin cans each year, and has no tin deposits of real consequence.

In the Athenian market place, archaeologists have unearthed verses inscribed on a stone in memory of the battle of Marathon.

The leaves of rhubarb contain a considerable amount of oxalic acid and should not be eaten: only the stalks should be used as food.

Keeping muskrats is absolutely prohibited by a new order in Great Britain.

Early childhood is the worst time to have measles—not the most favorable time, as many mothers still believe.

Experiments show that ultraviolet rays and radio vibrations may affect properties of chemicals and drugs.

Directly photographing the interior of the stomach is made possible by apparatus devised in a Belgian laboratory.

German physicians recently reported that heart disease is responsible for more than one-third of the deaths of locomotive engineers.

The government is making final tests of a new variety of potato, the Chipewa, for use in northern states from Michigan to North Dakota.

Modern flood lighting has even reached Indo-China, where the great Buddhist shrine, the Shwe Dagon Pagoda at Rangoon, now shines dazzlingly at night.

The U. S. Forest Service planted seed from young Douglas fir trees and seed from old trees and found that age of the tree supplying seed did not affect growth or development of seedlings.

Ceres wheat, an improved variety developed by the North Dakota Agricultural College, enabled farmers of the state to harvest over two million dollars more wheat in 1932 than they would have gathered from Marquis wheat.

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