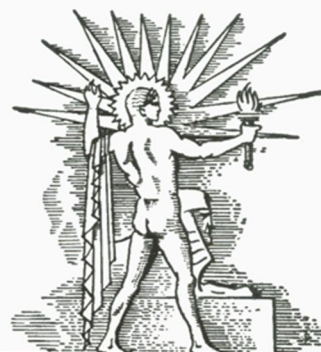
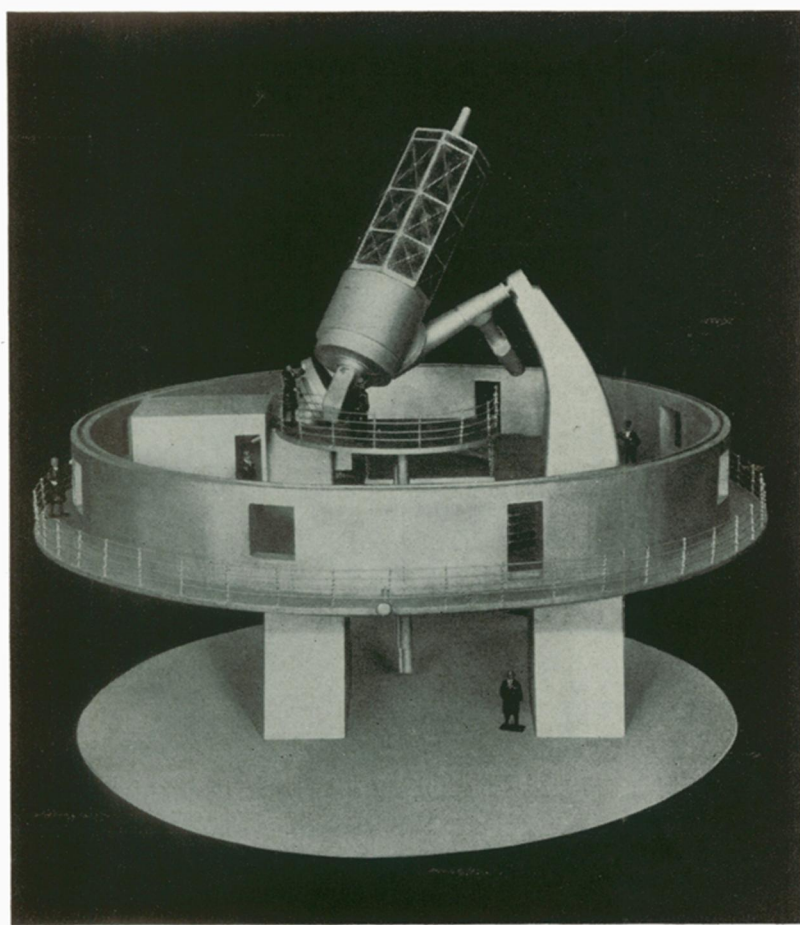


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DO YOU KNOW?

Needles of the longleaf pine sometimes grow 18 inches long.

Individuals differ so in keenness of smell and taste that some flowers seem fragrant to some people and odorless to others.

Copper can now be used in exposed places without tarnishing, as a result of fusing a thin, flexible silicate coating to the copper.

The banana tree is more properly called a herb, since it has no wood stem and the trunk is merely leaf stalks clustered together.

A 20 volume edition of the flora of the Soviet Union has been completed by Russian botanists, and it is said to contain over 20,000 species of plants.

The most beautiful photographs of trees in America are sought by the American Forestry Association for a collection to be exhibited throughout the country.

Chickens sometimes suffer from a disease which causes their wattles to swell.

Some of the sharks that lived millions of years ago were giants with jaws five feet wide.

Not all snails are slow: the ear shell snail of the Channel Islands can speed along at the rate of six yards a minute.

The number "pi", which children learn as 3.1416, has been carried out to hundreds of decimal places by calculators, one setting the record with 707 places.

Mountain plants are often dwarf, scrubby specimens, but in the Himalayas giant plants with bright colored blossoms are found at altitudes as high as 18,000 feet.

Going-to-the-Sun Highway, in Glacier National Park, has been opened to the public, thus providing a scenic route across the Rockies linking the east and west sides of the Park.

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