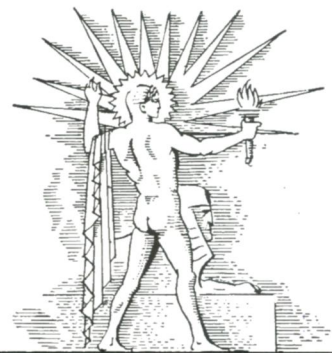
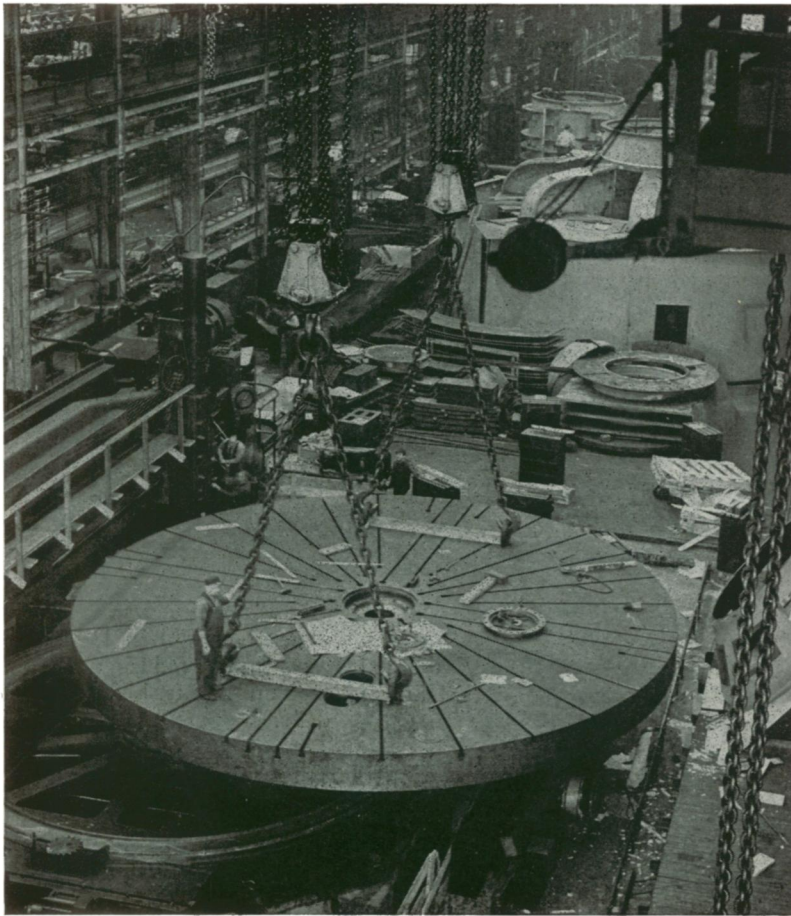


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Do You Know?

To transport *limestone* from quarries to a new cement factory in Sweden, a ropeway 28 miles long has been built.

Chemists foresee that *alfalfa* may be an important source for carotene and certain chemicals useful in food processing and in pharmaceuticals.

Britain hopes to save 50,000 tons of *tin plate* and sheet steel a year for munitions by prohibiting or limiting size of tins used in packaging goods.

By taking two photographs of a *lightning* flash at right angles to one another, scientists have been able more accurately to determine the length, and, hence, the velocity of the stroke.

A package of crystalline *vitamins*, the size of a two-pound box of candy, was presented to Dr. Tung Shen by Cornell University nutrition students, to enable him to study nutrition lacks of Chinese soldiers.

Providing information on man's customs, museums can help manufacturers to avoid decorative designs on goods for *foreign sale* which they think will please natives, but which often clash with religious ideas and superstitions.

When the southern ground *hornbill's* call is heard in South Africa, natives interpret the female as saying, "I'm going, I'm going home to my relations," and the male replying, "You can go, you can go, you can go home to your relations."

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A scientist found that from Feb. 15 to Nov. 1, one bee colony averaged carrying nearly 8,000 loads of *pollen* a day, each load representing visits to 80 or more blossoms.

New eyeglasses have dark red glass as the upper fourth of the lens, so that when a light is seen through the red segment, the *color-blind* motorist knows he must stop.

Psychologists say that no kind of *clothing* means more to a young child than gay-colored mittens, helmets, scarfs and bedroom slippers.

A report on venomous *snakes* of Central and South American areas where bases may be established has been prepared for the U. S. Navy Department.

A *synthetic ammonia* plant to be constructed at Wilson Dam, Ala., will be capable of producing 300 tons of ammonium nitrate, high explosive material, daily.

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