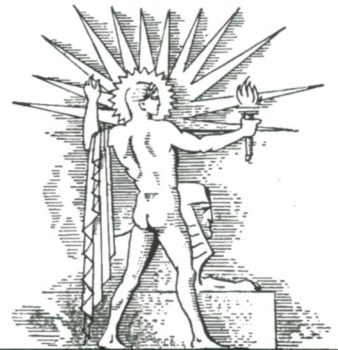


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Do You Know?

Termites do some useful work, destroying fallen trees in the forest.

The United States imports nearly half of the *furs* sold in markets of this country.

The *Pacific Ocean* off the California coast is about six inches higher in autumn than in spring.

Earliest *ice skaters* tied bone runners under their shoes and used iron-tipped poles for propelling themselves along.

Canadian *whalers* are hunting again off the Queen Charlotte Islands on the British Columbia coast, after a year's layoff.

Directed by Eric Steinlein, authority on early American naval architecture, a WPA project is restoring Perry's flagship *Niagara*.

Alaska's famous Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes has only five steaming *fumaroles* now, but it is still a spectacular place.

To provide an *iron lung* quickly for an infantile paralysis case, sheet metal workers designed and built an emergency unit in 28 hours.

What science has learned about soil mixtures and conditioning surface soil can be helpful in improving *race tracks*, banishing the slow track and the "mudder," says a University of California professor.

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An all-American team of *cows* is picked each year by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

The only bird that yields *leather* for industry is the ostrich.

"*Oyster nuts*" from East Africa yield an oil which is being tested for confectionery, cooking, and cosmetic uses.

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