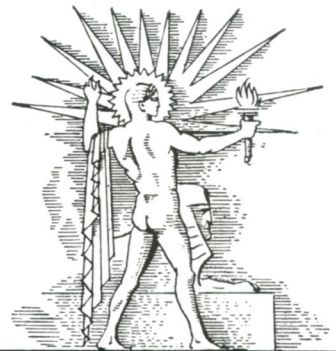
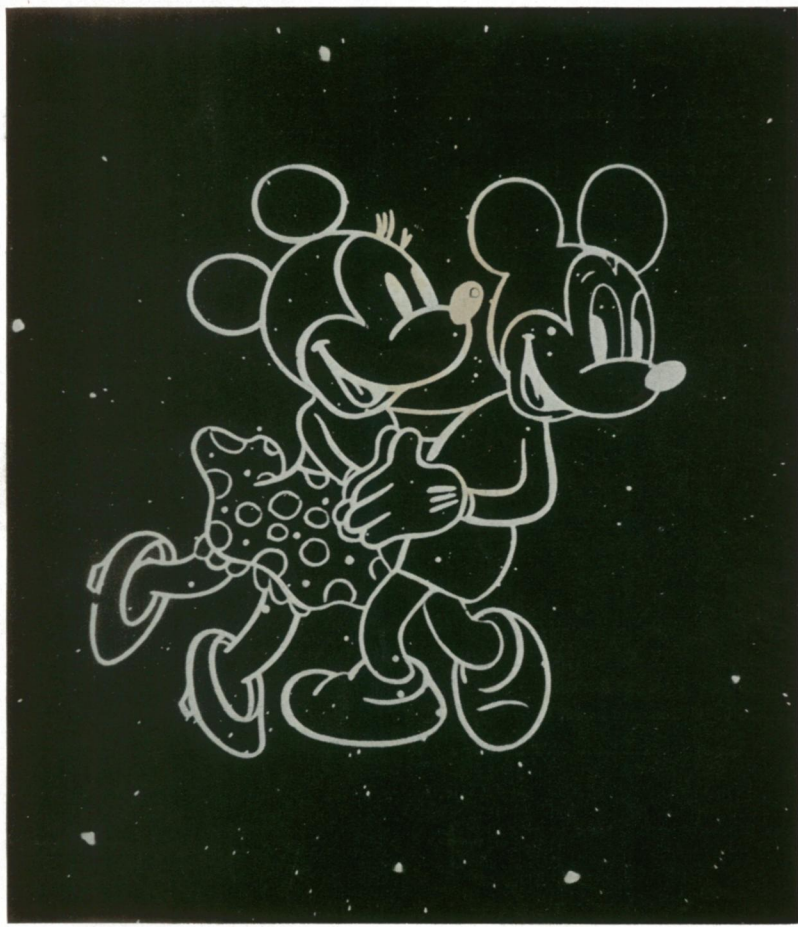


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# Do You Know?

The first railroad *tunnel* in the United States was built in 1833 near Johnstown, Pa.

Ancient Egypt, says an archaeological writer, had only one or two types of *roses*.

Soviet Russia's scientific interests include an Institute for the Study of *Frozen Ground*.

The Bureau of Mines is developing a special process for producing *magnesium*, vital metal in defense.

Latest government researches on cotton hosiery provide more attractive and durable designs for girls' campus socks of *lisle*.

University of New Hampshire foresters are hunting high-yielding *sugar maples*, to study the best way of reproducing good stock.

The Arabian government believes United States methods of helping the Indians with *land* and economic problems may help the Bedouins.

*Diesel* engines are often thought of as heavy, but Diesels weighing less than two pounds per horsepower are being turned out for U. S. Army tanks.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has acquired a medieval military *saddle* used on parade, made of richly carved stag-horn plaques fastened to a frame of wood, rawhide and birchbark.

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Longer life for *dill pickles* is in prospect, since scientists have found that pasteurization keeps them from going limp.

A baby *oyster* is so unlike its parents that it has been described as resembling "a tiny thimble with a hairy belt around its middle."

*Seed* of shepherd's purse, black mustard and some other weeds may survive buried in the soil for 30 years, and sprout to make trouble.

The National Resources Planning Board has reported a case study of 144 *communities* that were constructed by a predetermined plan.

The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science has been given largest known privately-owned collection of apothecaries' *jars and mortars*.

About 10,000 bales of low-grade American *cotton* will be used in high-grade writing paper this year, government agriculturists expect.

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