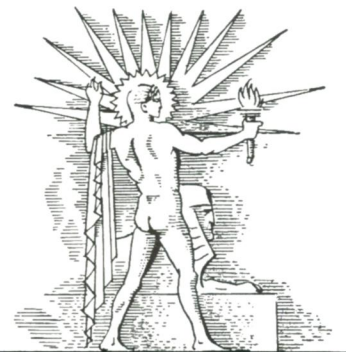
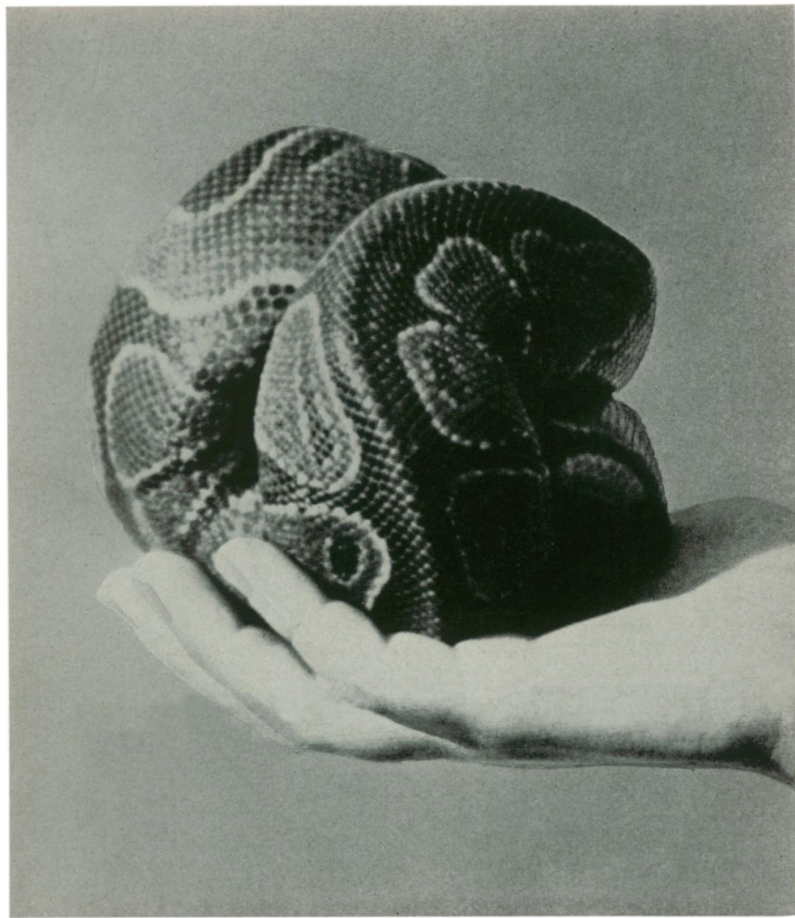


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Do You Know?

A new fruit from Jamaica is a triple-crossed tangerine, lime, and grapefruit.

A factory in Brazil will turn oranges into concentrated juice, cattle fodder, and paper pulp.

Washing dishes right to left is efficient for a right-handed person, home economists point out.

At outbreak of war, Norway's merchant fleet totaled more than 1,000 ships; most of them are now in Allied service.

A chemical treatment has been found to prolong the life of sandbags—important to defense and to flood preparedness.

Making clear and accurate X-ray dental films is one of the most difficult X-ray photographic tasks, says a dental college instructor.

The cropland area of the United States today is 415 million acres, 342 million classed as "good," but most of it endangered by erosion.

Bridgeport's police department has invented and built a "bomb taxi," a tank-like car for safe transport of bombs and suspicious articles to an isolated place for destruction.

Discovery that the eye disease trachoma can be cured with sulfanilamide treatment has war-time value, since this is a contagious malady of Mediterranean lands and spreads with troops or refugees.

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Potatoes are a source of vitamin C, providing one-sixth to one-fourth of a soldier's daily quota of this vitamin.

Since at least one person in 100 is likely to stutter, the United States has 1,300,000 stutterers, says a professor of speech at Syracuse university.

From French nurseries, Germany has obtained stocks of young fruit trees valued at nearly \$3,000,000, according to reports received by the U. S. Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

Tiny marine bacteria are "fifth columnists" of America's shipyards, causing \$100,000,000 expense annually.

China's 3,000 cooperative workshops turn out almost \$500,000 work of manufactured goods a month for civilian and army needs.

One construction company advises that for adequate lighting and ventilation a living room should have window surface equal to one-eighth of the floor area.

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