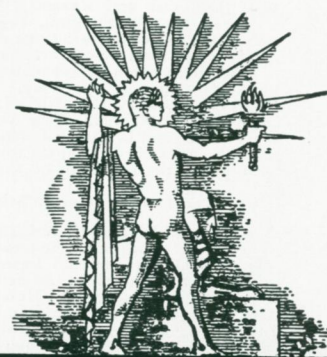


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## DO YOU KNOW?

Marco Polo in the thirteenth century found falconry a royal sport in China.

Fertile soil is a vague term, the U. S. Department of Agriculture points out, because every soil is "fertile" but not for all plants.

Scientists are studying the methods of handling and storing green vegetables to conserve their content of the valuable vitamin C.

The pests that infest foreign narcissus bulbs have become so firmly entrenched in the United States that hope of eradicating them is lost.

Last summer's excessive heat was the chief reason why the country's accident death toll mounted to a new record high, says the National Safety Council.

Dust-proofing the living rooms and bedrooms of houses in the Middle West is advocated by the Red Cross, which finds that this can be done for two or three dollars a house.

The four-eyed fish of the tropics has its two eyes divided, so that when the fish swims at the surface the upper pupil does scout duty in the air while the lower pupil looks down into the water.

The largest eye hospital in the world is the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital.

Tests indicate that some kinds of green vegetables, freshly harvested, are richer in vitamin C than orange juice.

In California an old Indian way of "getting along" with a mother-in-law was never to speak to her or even look in her direction.

In 1607 King James the First of England issued a proclamation against wasting wheat, much needed for food, to make starch for ruffs and laces.

When factory machinery for textiles was new, England guarded this industrial advance so closely that baggage of travelers was searched lest they carry plans for machinery abroad.

London has just had an exhibit of the art of primitive peoples, in which almost 300 museum treasures showed what islanders, jungle tribes and other natives achieve in design and hand skill.

Aztec medicine compared so favorably with European knowledge of the subject that Franciscan friars had the Indian native medicine taught in the first college they established for natives of Mexico.

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