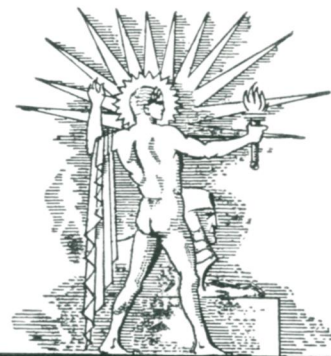
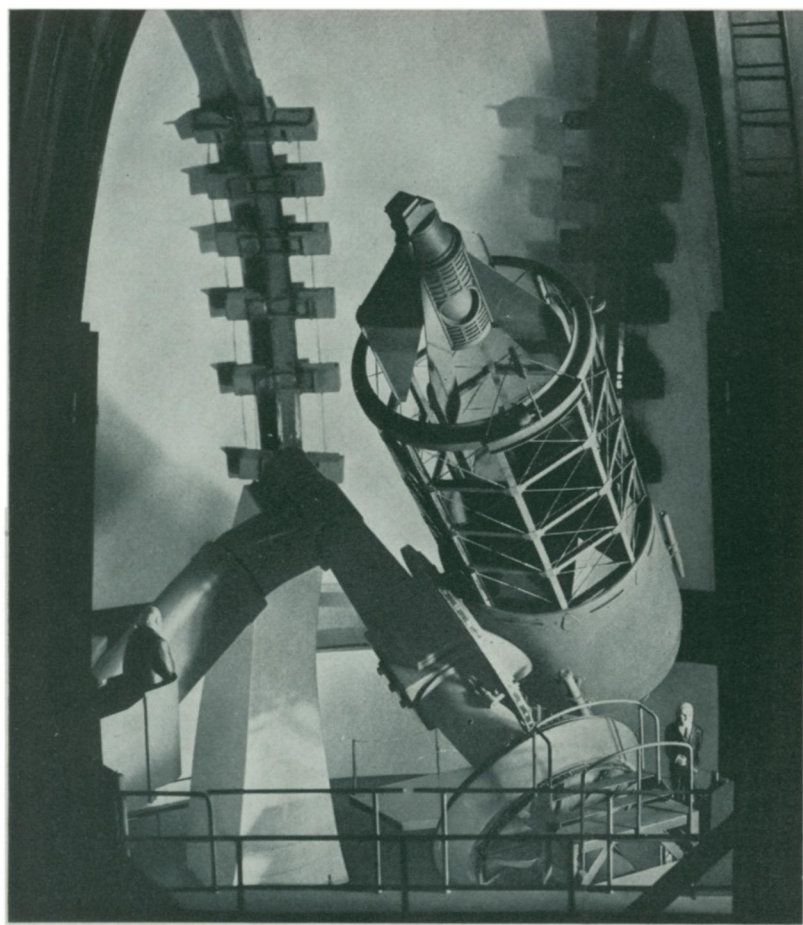


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DO YOU KNOW?

Lunar eclipses can occur only when the moon is full.

Baked beans can now be baked in 20 minutes, says Cornell University, since pre-soaked and partly cooked beans are on the market.

A new bird food, devised to help pet birds get a balanced ration, is said to contain milk as a chief constituent, and also egg yolk.

New chemical products include a self-polishing floor wax, flame-resistant transparent paper, and non-poisonous fungicides for fruit trees.

A curious animal that ranged the Texas region in ancient times had a long pronged horn on its nose, resembling a boy's slingshot.

A new automatic postoffice machine, suitable for outdoor use, has been invented in Germany; it weighs, stamps and postmarks letters, and returns correct change from any coin put into the slot.

Italy is about the size of the state of New Mexico.

Tung oil trees are being introduced into New Zealand.

It is believed that about 10,000 tons of metallic copper were mined at the Isle Royal pits, in Michigan, by Indians in prehistoric times.

Snakes are most active when the temperature is between 70 and 90 degrees, are almost helpless at 50, and are inclined to seek shelter above 90.

The famous Tyrian purple dye, which the Phoenicians achieved in small quantities by using thousands of molluscs, was synthesized in 1909, and can be made in the laboratory for about 50 cents a pound.

A new way of catching soft-shell crabs is being tried in Louisiana: hundreds of bunches of leaves and branches are submerged in the water, then the crabs take shelter in them and are rudely shaken out into nets.

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