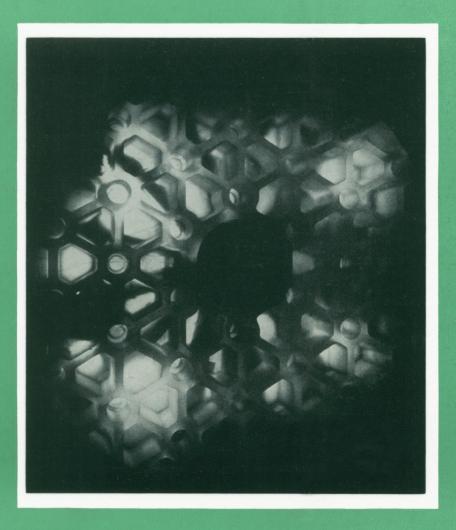
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DO YOU KNOW?

Oysters mature to a marketable state in two to four years.

Tapioca is now being produced in bright colors such as red and green.

Twelve gopher snakes that arrived from Texas at the New York Zoo one January were frozen stiff but six thawed and survived.

The fifth edition of the U.S. Pharmacopeia, published in 1870, contained only three synthetic drugs-chloroform, chloral, and iodoform.

With greater use of artificial light and heat in flower growing, an electrical company predicts that greenhouses will take a skyscraper turn.

Inspections have showed that if glasses at roadside stands are improperly washed, there may remain 50,000 to 100,000 bacteria on a glass.

Goat's milk is far more widely used than most people think, says a farm scientist, for there are over 5,000,000 milk goats in the United States alone.

Political office seekers are called candidates because in ancient Rome such persons wore white linen togas and were given a name from the Latin candidus,

Potatoes are as rich in Vitamin C as tomato juice.

The United States "nickel" is really 75 per cent. copper.

Another industry has learned a use for its waste: apple growers find that waste apples yield calcium gluconate, used in medicine.

Pre-school children are often burdened with clothing equal to one-tenth their weight, whereas an average adult wears five pounds or less.

A green leaf contains three color pigments-green, yellow, and orange, but the latter two do not show until the changes of autumn occur.

A new sweet corn for the South, developed in Texas, is so able to resist drought that a fair crop of roasting ears was reported when no rain fell from planting to harvest.

Why an occasional "idiot genius" can perform wonderful feats of memory or solve problems with lightning speed, although otherwise his mind is below normal, is explained by one physician: the individual's mind runs on a single track, and, as he is not distracted by other interests, he achieves conspicuous results in his chosen line.

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