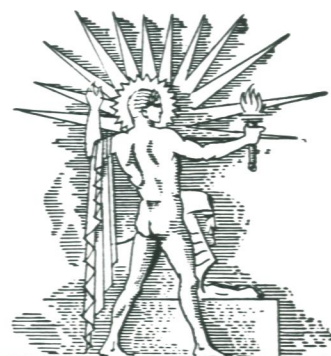


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DO YOU KNOW?

Lungfish are fierce fighters, attacking one another savagely.

Drinking water is apt to contain more oxygen in winter than in summer.

Vegetables that have been frozen are not thereby spoiled or poisoned but they are more liable to spoilage.

The beaver has been called the "owl" of the mammal world, because its activities apparently begin after sundown.

The Volga-Don canal, now being planned, will link the White, Baltic, and Caspian Seas with the Azov and Black Seas.

A museum of surgery, showing the history and progress of surgery, may be established in New York, according to plans recently announced.

The only African monkey skin with commercial value is that of the Guereza monkey, which has fine, long hair suitable for trimming garments.

Cashmere wool, famous in shawls of that name, is the wool found beneath the hairy coat of goats in the highlands of India.

There is more smallpox in India than in any other country.

The Egyptians knew how to make varnish of soft resins melted in oil.

The giant panda lives on a diet of bamboo, and no other food, so far as observers have detected.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as part of their duties, enforce Dominion laws for wildlife protection.

Cholera is on the rise; public health officials report 334,000 cases throughout the world in 1935, as against 287,000 cases in 1934.

To speed up their experiments in improving varieties of corn, plant breeders are growing a winter crop of corn in greenhouses.

About 800 species of fungi have been found in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, in North Carolina and Tennessee.

At the University of California, a new treatment for hog cholera has been developed, in the form of a tissue vaccine.

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