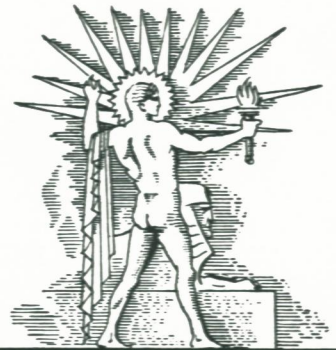


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DO YOU KNOW?

Foxes are good mousers.

“Dry ice” is proving useful in fighting forest fires.

Henry Ford's first patent, in 1898, was for a carburetor.

Heat waves are blamed for more illness and death than are cold waves.

About 30 per cent. of the cloth used in India is still made on hand looms.

Ten different forms of vitamin D, as it occurs in various animal and plant sources, have been determined.

Skylights are being made in Italy of two layers of glass with a layer of glass wool between, to keep out heat from the sun.

Providing radio programs that will appeal to both Englishmen and African natives is a problem of radio broadcasting in South Africa.

An electric device which locates broken needles in rugs is useful to rug makers, because needles sometimes break and finding them embedded in the fabric is a slow and tedious task.

Gourds can be made to take fantastic shapes by tying bandages on them while they are growing.

Village weaver-birds in West Africa build their hanging nests in communities of as many as 100 nests.

A laboratory in a trailer is being used by government scientists to study insect pests in southern peach orchards.

A long air route is planned to link fishing, mining and other industrial centers of northern Russia and Siberia.

In the evolution of the automobile to its present state, over 100,000 original ideas have been patented in the United States.

The word type-writer was coined by the inventor Christopher Sholes, who patented a practical typewriting machine in 1867.

After frying potato chips in nine kinds of fats, government scientists found that oils are better than lards for this purpose.

By giving cotton fields a winter overcoat, consisting of a cover crop of legumes, southern growers are boosting their cotton yield.

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