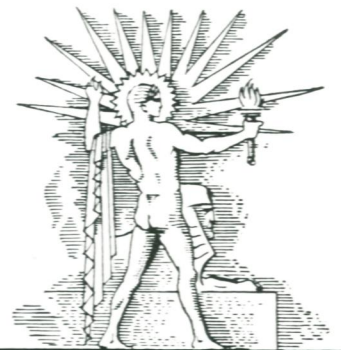
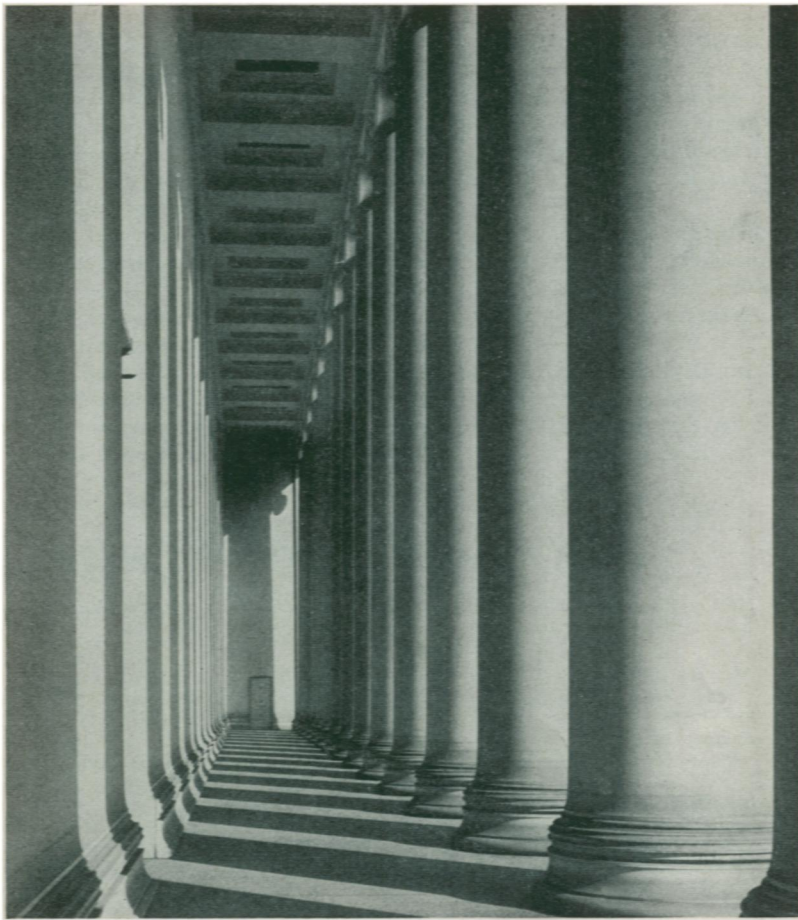


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DO YOU KNOW?

Mound birds are among the few birds that can fly the day they are hatched.

Pygmy water lilies are perfectly formed but usually no more than two inches across.

The spectacular organ-pipe cactus grows only in a rather small area of southern Arizona.

An Italian invention of a new process for hardening steel is expected to save over 50 per cent. in material.

CCC workers have planted a billion trees and have constructed over 82,000 miles of truck trail and minor roads.

The islands of Langerhans in the pancreas, which produce insulin, were first described by Paul Langerhans when he was still a medical student.

In a recent survey, dentists rated the professional cleaning of teeth as the most vital work they do, because of its importance in preventing dental troubles.

Ammonia is named for the Egyptian god Ammon, near whose temple in the Libyan Desert ammonia was once largely obtained.

Birds that will nest in bird-houses include no less than 48 species in this country.

Poison ivy may grow as a climbing vine, an upstanding shrub, or a ground trailing plant.

At the present alarming rate, one child in every 2,100 will die in an accident before he is nineteen years old.

The female *Anopheles* mosquito which carries malaria, is most likely to bite human beings at night when they are asleep.

England has established a National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, to hold relics and art illustrating its seafaring history.

For 101 years the Hawaiian volcano Mauna Loa has averaged one crater outbreak every three and a third years, and one flank lava flow every six years.

Air-conditioning the top floor, and charging 75 cents extra per night for the rooms, was tried by an Alabama hotel, with the result that the once-undesirable rooms under the roof became suddenly popular.

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