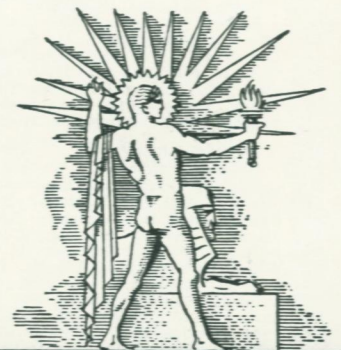


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DO YOU KNOW?

At least 13 kinds of mosquitoes in India carry malaria.

Goldfish are often used as "guinea-pigs" in tests for stream pollution.

Sunspots were discovered in 1610, not long after telescopes were invented.

Recipes for making cheese dating back to the first century A. D. are still in existence.

Every home built in Italy since December 1936 must have an anti-gas shelter in the basement.

It took Egyptians ten years to build the road for hauling materials to the site for the Great Pyramid.

A 2,000-word dictionary of an extinct language called Khorezmian has been compiled by a Soviet scientist in Astrakhan.

Discarded airplane tubing is found valuable in making braces for hospital patients, because of its lightness and strength.

Musical instruments played by Apache Indians included drum, musical bow, flageolet, and one-stringed fiddle made of a flower stalk of the sotol plant.

Flowers keep better if cut with a sharp knife than with scissors.

Use of nickel, chromium and cobalt in ornamental plating is prohibited in Germany.

The name scientist, to describe a man of science, was coined only about a century ago.

The life of a milk bottle is now 30 to 35 trips, in contrast to 22 trips some years ago.

Amber is not affected by moisture, a fact which makes it useful in apparatus for blood transfusions.

One of the penalties of being overweight—90 per cent. of obese people have trouble with their feet.

Automobile drivers travel faster in winter than in spring or summer, a survey in Connecticut indicates.

Ants are long-lived insects, workers being known to survive four or five years and queens to live as long as 15 years.

The Philosopher's Stone, that alchemists believed would heal the sick and make old people young, also was supposed to hasten growth of plants.

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