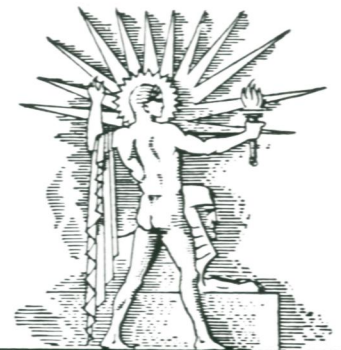


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DO YOU KNOW?

The earthworm has a gizzard for grinding its food.

Experiments show that some kinds of starch give strength as well as stiffness to cotton fabric.

The Scottish national zoo in Edinburgh has a butterfly enclosure, with glass front and gauze roof.

Chemical waste from corn products can be used to make an explosive more powerful than nitroglycerin.

In the East African Bantu tribe, baby boys are named by their fathers while girls are given names by their mothers.

A fish called the "desert sardine" is still found in springs in Death Valley, a survivor of the ancient time when the valley was under sea.

Banding young birds in the nest, in the hope of following their careers, may endanger their lives, if predatory animals can trail the human tracks to the nest.

Egyptian archaeologists have discovered at Hermopolis a great underground city spreading over 10 acres, where mummies of sacred ibises and monkeys were buried and the God Thoth, patron of Hermopolis, was venerated.

The milky fluid from lettuce was used as a freckle remover by Roman beauties.

Nine countries have agreed to restrict whaling to a few months of the year, to prevent whales from being hunted out of existence.

An expedition to the Canadian far north will have for one task making sound records of the love cry of that exotic bird, the Puffin.

A new official British publication is a history of British weather, starting with tradition for the year 2668 B. C. and ending with 1450 A. D.

Finding something "just as good" to feed wild animals, when their natural diet is not available, is one of the problems of zoo and circus management.

Italians, experimenting with oil from tobacco seed, report that the scent can be removed and the oil used for soaps if mixed with other ingredients, or for varnish.

Infra-red moving pictures are being experimentally taken to record what happens at seances when mediums lift distant articles or display other mysterious powers.

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