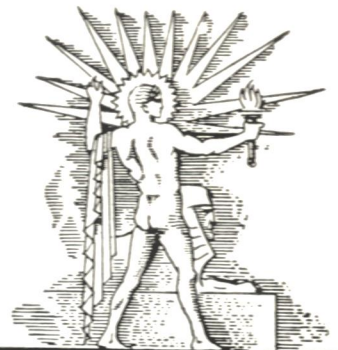


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DO YOU KNOW?

Poorer Indians of Virginia wore deer-skin; rich Indians wore beaver.

The Scottish National Zoo at Edinburgh is famous for its penguins.

The average amount that a sheet will shrink is estimated to be five inches.

Flowers of the pumpkin are used in making a complexion lotion, in the Near East.

A burial found near Canterbury, England, is believed to be that of one of Caesar's generals, Laberius Durus.

Soviet explorers have found gold mines in Central Asia which were worked in the Bronze Age, and which would yield more gold.

In normal times the Ohio River contributes more than half of the waters in the Mississippi River below Cairo; and in flood periods this proportion may rise to two-thirds.

"The flight of birds is as characteristic as the walk of individual human beings," says William Beebe, well known naturalist, adding that almost nothing is known as to why different kinds of birds have their own styles of flying.

Palm oil is finding favor as fuel for motors in Belgium.

Some of Brazil's surplus coffee is being used as a coal substitute to run locomotives.

At birth the average baby weighs about 7 pounds and measures 20 to 21 inches in length.

Watermelons and bread are the main diet of many people in Iran during several months of the year.

Wyoming has more kinds of willow than any other state, varying from trailing plants an inch or two tall to trees 30 feet in height.

The psychology of fashions has included some curious "negative" influences—as for example, when Marie Antoinette was unpopular, women turned to long narrow skirts, just the opposite of the Queen's billowing costumes.

Fewer cherry pits in cherry pie may be expected, since new government standards for canned fruits will allow standard quality cherries to contain no more than one pit to every 20 ounces, instead of one pit to 10 ounces as heretofore.

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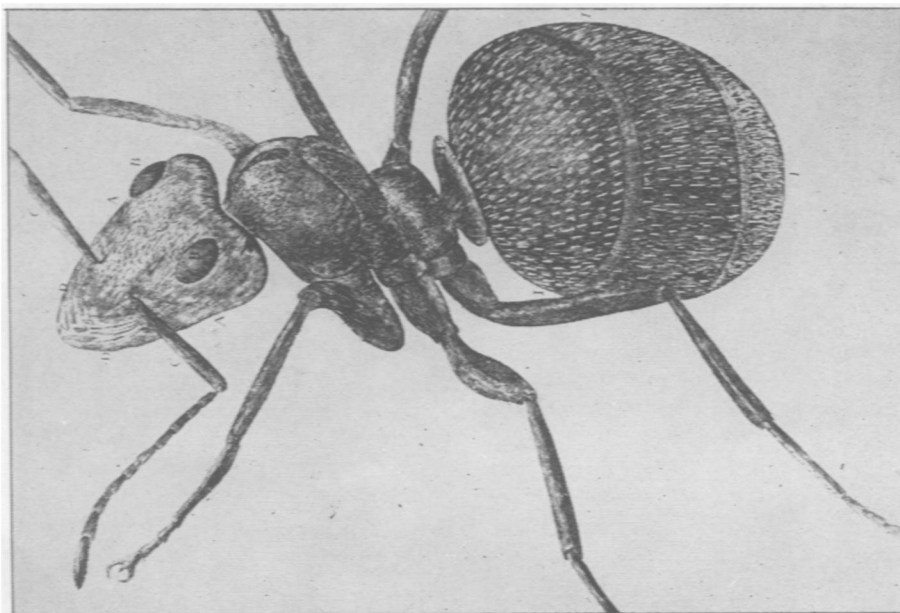
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