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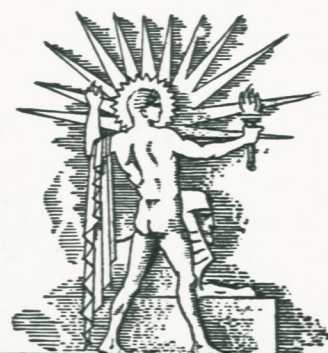
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## DO YOU KNOW?

A sperm whale can eat a ton of food a day.

Cascade chrysanthemums are trained to flower in hanging pots.

New England forests are facing an epidemic of sawflies, insect pests that have been very destructive in Canadian timber land for several years.

Honey bees in the Colorado desert were recently observed gathering nectar from plants so tiny that a man could see them only with a magnifying glass.

Connecticut has started a plan of making automobile license plates last five years, by equipping each aluminum plate with a small colored insert for the proper year.

A new method of developing latent fingerprints on polished furniture and other greasy surfaces from which they could not be obtained under old methods has been reported to the American Chemical Society.

The National Park Service reports that a squirrel in the Southwest was recently seen swimming in a creek, after which the animal dug a hole in the sand and dried itself by curling up in the hole and kicking sand over itself.

Italy is celebrating the bi-millenary anniversary of Augustus, who founded the Roman empire.

London expects to reduce the noise in tubes and tunnels by 60 per cent, as a result of welding together 440 track miles.

The temperature is 210 degrees—almost boiling—at a depth of 9,000 feet in a well drilled for oil in Boulder County, Colorado.

A new high-powered Army airplane is christened the Aircuda, because it suggests the fighting fish, the barracuda, in speed and power of weapons.

Business girls are losing interest in reducing diets, according to a life insurance company that made a survey of about 2,600 "white collar" workers.

A nearsighted child is likely to grow more so, with advancing age; but if he is given proper optical and hygienic care the nearsightedness can usually be kept to the minimum.

The wood-roach lives on wood but cannot digest it direct, so has in its throat tiny one-celled protozoan animals that act on the raw wood as saliva does on food in humans.

## WITH THE SCIENCES THIS WEEK

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