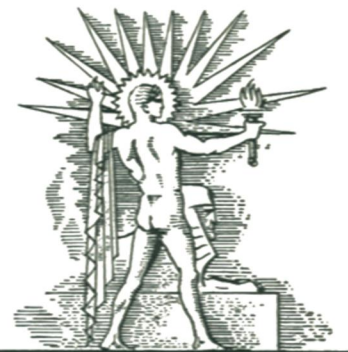
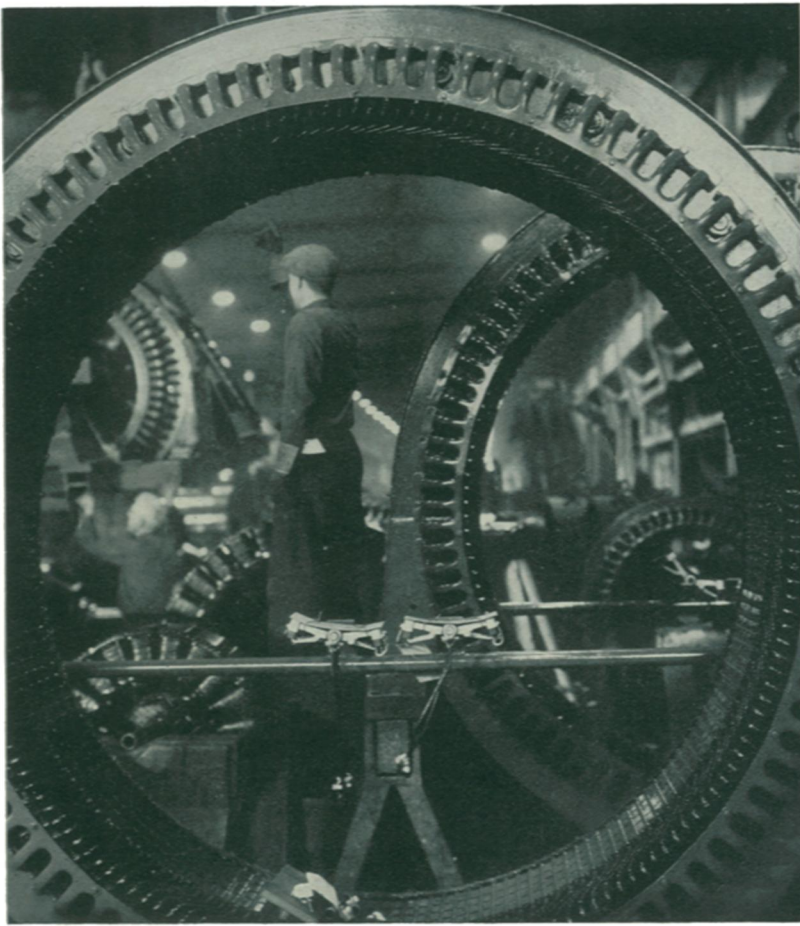


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Do You Know?

Colds cause over half of the absences of employes from work.

The world's earliest, most primitive birds, that lived 150 million years ago, could not fly.

Workmen excavating in the London subway have found a fossil crab over 30 million years old.

Oil wells in the United States have been drilled as deep as two miles, but engineers say they could go a mile deeper, with present equipment.

The art of polishing granite was known in ancient Egypt, and a Scotsman in 1820 rediscovered a practical method for monumental work.

In an earthquake on the Northwest coast, last year, some tombstones in cemeteries were turned clockwise, but a few nearby were rotated in the opposite direction.

Colored life preservers are being urged to replace the drab ones in ordinary use, because an orange disk, for example, could be seen much farther off than gray or white.

In the White Mountains of New Hampshire, trails over forest and mountain are marked by signs placed so high the snow cannot cover them, and on distinctive standards, so that hikers can detect a sign even if it is crusted with ice.

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There was trade between North and South America in Indian days, for articles made in Peru have been found in Mexico.

An ancient Chinese walled city is to be reproduced at a cost of over a million dollars for San Francisco's 1939 world's fair.

The land around London was 60 to 70 feet higher in the late Stone Age than it is now, and it is sinking at a rate of nine inches a century.

In Argentina, all medicinal products for children up to six years old must be approved by the Department of Hygiene, and all advertising, as well.

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