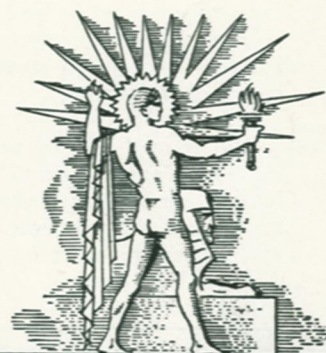


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Do You Know?

Mahogany is being bleached to a cream color, to meet a vogue for light colored woods in furniture.

Because a milk goat eats less than a cow, and produces enough milk for a small family, one scientist calls the goat "a handy pocket edition of the cow."

Male song sparrows with brighter feathers or stronger singing voices have no better success in winning mates than less personable birds, so far as one naturalist has observed.

Over 16,000 bulbs of a fragrant blue lily called "Glory of the Sun" have been brought from Chile to the University of California, to introduce this plant to American gardens.

What workmen should do if their shovels strike the scientific treasure of some fossil bird or beast is explained in a guide for paleontologists soon to be published by the University of California.

The Indian village of Metakatla, Alaska, remained independent of relief during depression years, and has a remarkable record of community ownership of its salmon cannery, sawmill and other economic ventures.

The trained eye of an archaeologist can locate some types of Indian village by the clue of dark circles in the soil—these mark the fireplaces in the middle of huts where ashes accumulated and discolored the earth.

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Sunflower oil is being used in soap-making in Hungary.

A new German device reproduces sound immediately after recording, at a comparatively low cost.

One modern machine for making electric lamp bulbs can turn out half a million bulbs a day—the work of 500 glass blowers.

Shark oil is found useful in Japan as a lubricant in airplane motors.

Birds, particularly starlings, are suspected of having brought foot-and-mouth disease into England.

A lonesome baboon in the New York Zoological Park has been happier since a white rabbit was given it for a companion.

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