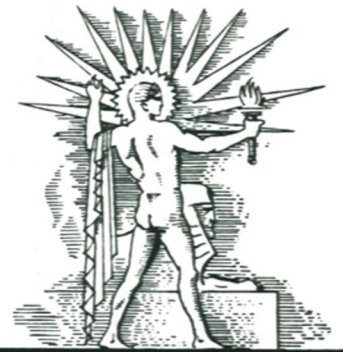


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Do You Know?

South Carolina had an Agricultural Society as early as 1784.

There are at least 135 different native dialects spoken in Burma.

Apparatus has been devised to measure the amount of water used by small trees.

Colorado's college of agriculture has worked out formulae for baking at high altitudes.

Lichens found growing on trees make their own food from water and air, and do not harm the tree.

Hedgehogs in Europe are so fond of eating cockroaches that they are sometimes used to rid houses of pests.

French scientists find that storing shellfish in ozonized water for several days will destroy any disease germs they may harbor.

It takes fine woods at least a year to season outdoors; but in recent experiments such wood was dried in half an hour by radio heat.

Stone Age tools are not necessarily ancient; a professor in Egypt about 30 years ago found a native at Luxor who shaved himself with a flint razor.

A tornado that swept Elgin, Illinois, last year neatly took off one side of a house, removing the back of a cupboard without disturbing the dishes.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture stopped distributing free seed in 1923, but every year thousands of people hopefully request some.

To popularize bathing in rural Chinese neighborhoods where bathtubs are unthought-of, a Chinese doctor makes shower tanks of five-gallon oil tins.

Scientists are studying dialect in the Great Smoky Mountains of the south-east, tracing speech forms brought from Scotland and England by pioneers years ago.

Half of a pigeon's weight consists of its flying muscles.

At a recent international dog show held in England there were 92 breeds displayed.

Arizona's prehistoric Indians sometimes built houses of petrified wood, instead of ordinary stone.

Florence Nightingale's voice, preserved in a record of a brief talk, is one of the treasures owned by the British Broadcasting System.

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