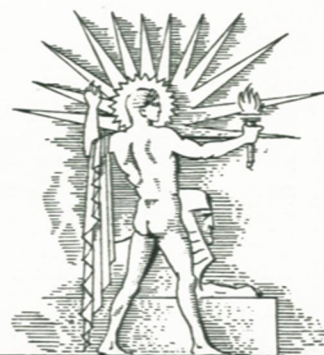
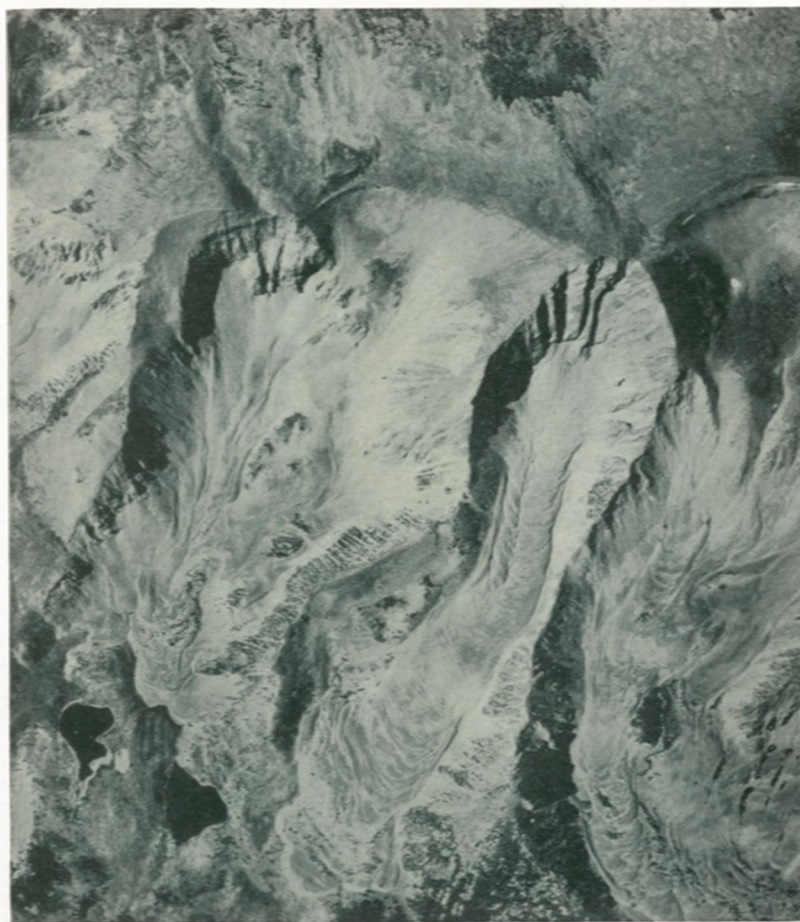


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Do You Know?

Oranges in their skins are hard to buy in southern China, because merchants sell the peelings separately for use in Chinese medicine.

A real white elephant is an albino beast with yellowish pink eyes, but some so-called white elephants are merely pale-colored common elephants.

One Texas doctor has provided himself with a trailer hospital, and he is using it at the rate of once a day at rural homes for obstetrical cases alone.

Government surveyors are checking boundaries of Indian reservations in western New York state, where original lines and corner markers have been obscured by time.

All doors should open outward, rather than in, for safety if a quick exit is ever needed, and screen doors should open outward for the added reason that flies find it harder to enter.

Efforts on a nation-wide, semi-official scale are being made to get the Japanese people to eat unpolished rice as a health measure, since polishing removes the anti-beriberi vitamin B.

Ten years ago, the United States was producing annually almost 100 million bushels of durum wheat—used in macaroni and similar foods—but in the past five years the crop has fallen to around 17 million bushels a year, due to rust, drought, and shift to bread wheats.

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To make circus life safer for an African gorilla, its cage is being airconditioned to resemble the climate of the Belgian Congo.

By measuring the force of gravity at different latitudes, Russian scientists are attempting to find out how much the globe is flattened at the poles.

Whaleoil lamps are believed to have served Boston Light, the first lighthouse built in this country.

The first-born child in a family is apt to be shorter and lighter in weight at birth than later-born children.

Acetate rayon takes different dyes from other textiles, thus adding to the range of color combinations that can be produced in materials.

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