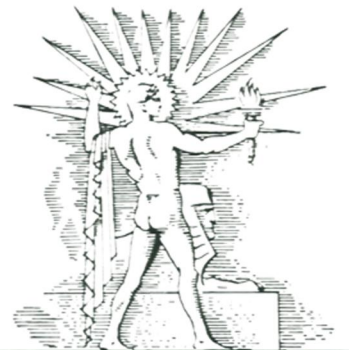


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Do You Know?

More than 30 different disease germs and parasitic worms can be carried by flies.

Birds are said to have three kinds of language: alarm notes, call notes, and songs made of call notes joined together

A new kind of paint made in Germany is said to be fireproofed by having nitrogen salts and synthetic resin mixed in it.

Birds are like humans—a little grouchy before breakfast—says one government scientist, from his own backyard observations.

In a recent survey at American colleges, it was reported that one student in every four is handicapped by serious eye defects.

A soap substitute exhibited at Leipzig Fair is a perfumed jelly in a tube, used without water or towel, according to the manufacturer's claim.

A health official in India states that no country with a malaria problem has discovered a quick, effective, and sufficiently inexpensive way of controlling this disease in rural areas.

An archaeologist points out that although Sumerian people and Semites fought desperately in Babylonia over 4,000 years ago, that was no racial war, and the city-states that were struggling for supremacy in the conflict showed no racial enmity.

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Large floating islands covered with jungle growth are sometimes called the icebergs of the Amazon.

Luminous paints are more widely used in Europe than in this country, partly because streets and buildings are less well lighted.

The green and white marble called Verde Antique, which Augustus used in making Rome beautiful, was obtained from Greek quarries.

In ancient Egyptian funeral wreaths, botanists can see no less than 20 species of the flowers grown in that day.

A century ago it took 83 out of 100 workers in the United States to produce farm crops; today, with machinery, 17 out of 100 are sufficient.

One problem of air conditioning in the tropics is that buildings are often constructed without glass in windows, and with numerous openings.

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