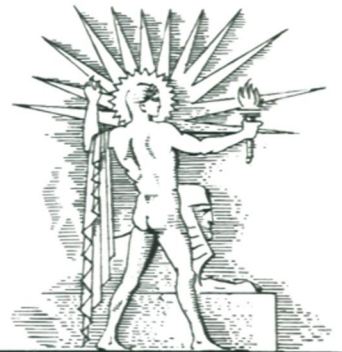


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Do You Know?

The main ingredient in both hair and fingernails is the same—a substance called keratin.

Whether the Egyptians had a method of writing music is not known; but the Greeks had one.

The United States draws on practically every country of the world for its supplies of crude drugs.

Wood ticks are most abundant in spring and early summer, and usually disappear around August 1.

The forerunner of the grindstone was the gritty rock or sand in which primitive man sharpened his tools.

When times were hard in the Middle Ages, feudal lords worried because they couldn't put their boys through knight-hood.

The chemical industry is practically depression-proof, according to one chemist, because it is continually pioneering into new industrial lines.

Turkey took no complete census in the days of the Sultans, because the Mohammedans would have fought any intrusion of head-counters into the harems.

A museum at Fredericksburg, Va., vividly portrays Civil War conflict, not only to show what nineteenth century fighting was like, but also to show how war deals with man and with his cultural progress.

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According to the Old Testament, the Hebrews were forbidden to destroy trees, in warfare against a city.

The green malachite with which Egyptians painted their eyelids was more than decoration—it offered some protection from the glare of the sun.

It is estimated that as much as \$1,000,000,000 of new capital will be spent on expansion of chemical enterprises within the next 18 months.

Aristotle attributed a good deal of gray hair in his day to the Greek custom of applying perfumed and spiced ointment—very drying—to the hair at banquets.

Shakespeare mentioned America once in his plays: in "The Comedy of Errors."

The current seven-years' drought has driven 100,000 farm families from the Great Plains.

Among the surprising developments in plastics is a jewel-like material that "freezes" when heated.

Rabies has been kept out of England and Hawaii by careful quarantine on dogs, and other rigid precautions.

Makers of metal slide fasteners report that 72 different industries are using these fasteners in more than 400 articles.

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