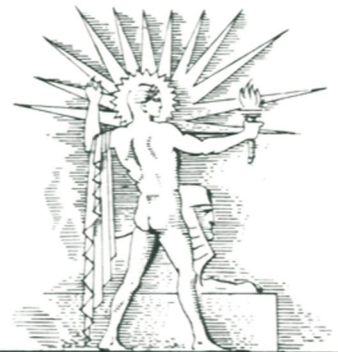


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Do You Know?

The first census of fur farms in the United States is to be made.

The Amazon River still has not been explored up all its tributaries.

Vacuum cleaning for goats has been tried by one Connecticut farmer.

The giraffe's sore throat is no joke—these animals do get sore throats and colds.

The giraffe's mottled coat is good camouflage when the animal feeds in the dappled sun and shade.

The beautiful snow leopards of the Himalayas are rarely known to descend low on the mountains, and range as high as 18,000 feet.

The mummy of the Old Testament character Jacob might conceivably be found, since his son Joseph apparently ordered the body preserved in Egyptian manner.

According to the Health Organization of the League of Nations, such athletic activities as fencing, boxing, wrestling, and long distance running are unsuitable for women.

One of the modern wonders of crime detection: a garment or weapon once stained with blood, even though cleaned, will glow with greenish light in the dark when di-aminophthal hydrazide is sprayed on the invisible stain.

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Peru is trying to grow pyrethrum flowers, important source of insecticides.

Houses can be made to look larger by using light colored paint on large areas.

It costs the modern farmer no more time and labor to produce 5,000 bushels of corn than it took for a farmer 100 years ago to produce 250 bushels.

Physicians who studied injuries in school sports reported that safety controls are available designed to eliminate 50 per cent of all athletic injuries.

Foundations of an old Greek fort have been unearthed in France, near Marseilles.

A baby flamingo's bill is straight until the bird is about two weeks old; then the bill begins to acquire a hump and downward curve.

Prof. Arthur Weigall, archaeologist, once said that if a nation is cruel, its painting and sculpture show cruel deeds; and early Egypt shows its high ideals and decency by its art, in which only war scenes are savage.

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