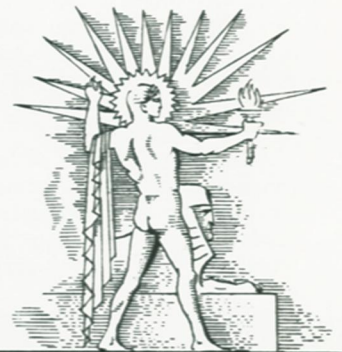


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Do You Know?

In some bright-colored birds, the colors serve as war-paint to frighten enemies.

Annual growth rings in Oregon pine trees show that a 28-year drought was ending in 1492.

A wildflower preserve near Fredericksburg, Va., honors Stonewall Jackson, Confederate general.

Branches of maple leaves were attached as camouflage to uniforms of Canadian soldiers in the War of 1812.

In a Pittsburgh skyscraper hospital, a pneumatic tube system carries messages, medicines, and charts quickly to any part of the hospital.

Table tops made of a single piece of citrus wood were a fad in ancient Rome, and Cicero paid \$25,000 for one brought from Mauretania.

In New Jersey penal institutions, seven out of ten boys and men say they associated with law-breaking gangs when they were children.

In this country, partridges rarely occur more thickly than one bird to six acres; but in some well-managed European areas there is a bird to every one or two acres.

A little-known tribe of Indians in the Louisiana swamps is being studied to see whether it is descended from prehistoric mound-building Indians, and whether it has kept any ancient customs.

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In ruins of an ancient town in the Kerch Peninsula, Soviet archaeologists have found a winepress about 1900 years old and tanks for salting fish.

A new method of lengthening a leg shortened by infantile paralysis is being tried at the University of California Medical School, and is said to lengthen a leg one-sixteenth of an inch a day without discomfort.

Pumpkin-milk mixed with cocoa is a new patriotic drink in Germany.

In a study of deaf children it is concluded that deaf boys are equal in mechanical ability to boys of good hearing.

A locomotive used to be limited to a 100-mile run; now, a locomotive may pull a train over 2,000 miles without change.

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