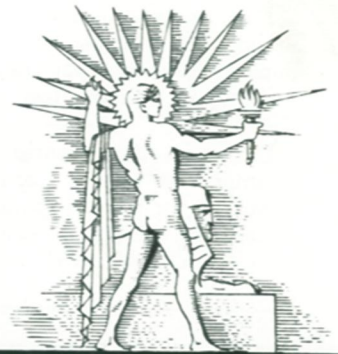


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Some gazelles are far from gentle.

The bumpers of automobiles cause some of the commonest and most serious fractures of the lower leg.

To bring medical aid to settlers in remote regions, Australia has had a Flying Doctor Service since 1928.

It may be good farming to leave hedges and fence rows untidy, because game birds choose the growth as shelter for nests.

A blue moon is sometimes seen when haze, smoke or some other atmospheric condition shows the moon in a blue light.

From a recent survey, it is believed that deafness in older people is due more often to infection than was formerly supposed.

The speed of a boxer's punch can now be measured by a laboratory device, and one 195-pound boxer's swing was timed at 40 miles per hour.

Blue staining of lumber during seasoning used to cause large losses to the lumber industry, but now chemicals prevent much of this loss.

Efforts to Americanize architectural columns produced a corn capital designed for the Capitol Building at Washington, and a tobacco capital for Jefferson's home at Monticello.

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Automobile manufacturers find that bright colored automobiles are more favored in warm sections of the country than in cold regions.

A new idea in carrying perishable fruits and vegetables to markets in the North was carried out in Knoxville, Tenn., recently with the launching of a floating refrigerated warehouse.

The record for length in the plant world is held by the rattan palm, a vine which may exceed 970 feet in length.

In making thread for silk stockings, the filaments from about ten cocoons are twisted together to make two-thread weight; and for a four-thread stocking about twenty cocoons are twisted into thread.

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