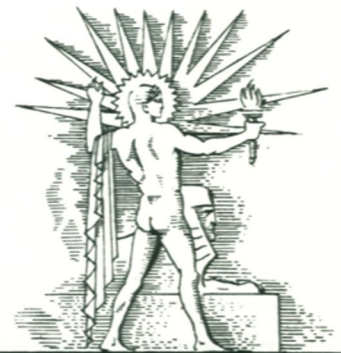


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Do You Know?

A soapless soap made of milk whey is to be tried in Germany.

Tourists used to visit Egyptian tombs in Greek and Roman times.

The snapping turtle snaps so hard that it sometimes loses its balance.

The U. S. Bureau of Dairy Industry has identification records of 320,000 cows.

To avoid holes in tin cans, photoelectric cells inspect the sheet steel before it is made up.

"Chewing resistance" is a scientific term for describing toughness or tenderness of food.

A day without a thunderstorm is uncommon in Buitenzorg, Java: it thunders 322 days in the year.

Portable air conditioning units are used to make an "oasis" for field workers of an oil company on duty in the Arabian desert.

High-speed elevators carry visitors 900 feet into the depths of Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, and a 1,320-foot penetration is planned.

Excavating an old Scythian settlement in the Ukraine, Soviet archaeologists have found evidence that ancient Scythians were good farmers and cattle breeders.

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Putting raw meat on a black eye was an old Egyptian remedy.

A skating rink has been carved inside an Alpine glacier, near the top of the Jungfrau.

The amphitheater of the University of California Medical School is now decorated with murals showing dramatic scenes of healing and medical progress in the state's history.

Canned carp is proving a cheap and satisfactory food for mink on fur farms.

Giant orioles of South America build gourd-shaped nests that sometimes dangle six feet long.

Potatoes are partly blamed for the World War, on the grounds that introduction of the potato into northern Europe made a great increase in population possible.

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