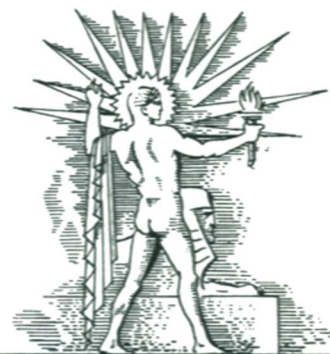
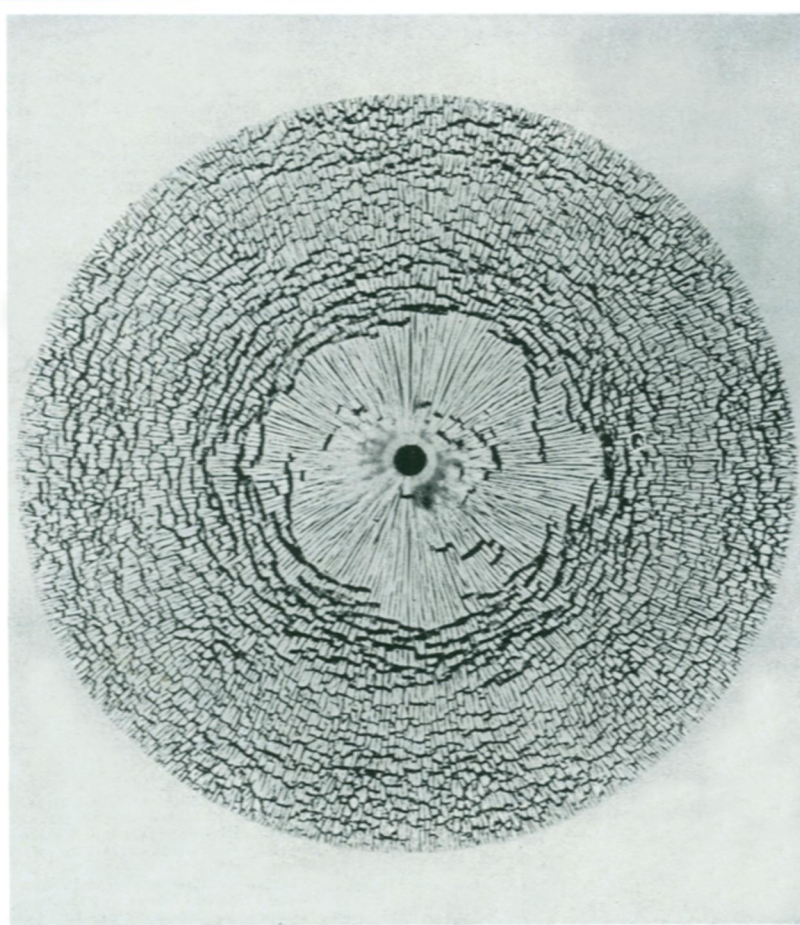


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Do You Know?

About a million American families now use cold storage lockers to keep perishable supplies.

A dress worn by a movie star recently was made of 27 quarts of milk, converted into beads.

To enable trucks to navigate deep mud and marshes, one company has produced a convertible unit with giant tires.

Cleanliness is emphasized in the first soda-fountain training course in the United States, given in a New York City high school.

A laboratory room cut out of ice and furnished in ice slabs was recently used by an expedition studying composition of glaciers in the Swiss Alps.

In reading print the eye depends mostly on the tops of words, as you can prove by covering the upper, and then the lower, part of a printed line.

A storage battery in good condition, says an automotive engineer, is 100 per cent. efficient at 80 degrees F., whereas at zero its efficiency drops to 42 per cent, due to effects of cold on the acid and plate materials.

Some of the remarkable treasures found in a Peruvian burial mound recently will be exhibited at the San Francisco fair, including a ceremonial knife mounted with a golden, winged image of a god-king.

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A new section of Mammoth Cave recently explored is said to be the most beautiful portion yet discovered.

Seeking to know why some beets are redder than others, chemists have extracted and measured the red pigment in beet roots.

The Office of Indian Affairs has helped Navajo Indians to increase their wells, springs, and other water sources to 1,862, from 240 in 1928.

Apple syrup is a new rival of maple syrup.

A new interstate park on the North Carolina-Tennessee line will be on a mountaintop free from pollens feared by hay fever sufferers.

Glass fiber is being made into gaskets that are said to resist most acids.

It takes three feet of sugarcane to make a lump of sugar.

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