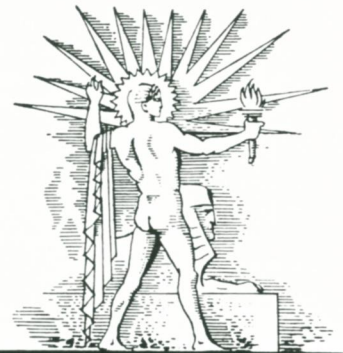


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Do You Know?

A new British organization is the London Scientific Film Society, which holds shows of scientific films for its members and guests.

S's are now as important as the 3 R's in education, says a New York educator, stressing need for teaching science and the social studies.

About 400 dogs a year, imported into England as pets, are put through a six-months quarantine regime to prevent spread of diseases.

The American Bison Society, founded in 1905, is considering a memorial to the bison in the heart of the old buffalo country, in Nebraska.

If the French birthrate continues its downward curve, the population of France will drop from 40 million to 28 million in fifty years.

The Amazon fly has been introduced successfully into British Guiana to fight the destructive sugarcane borer, and is now being tried in Puerto Rico.

The University of California has a new flea laboratory, where fleas will enjoy air conditioning while scientists study the flea's role in carrying sylvatic plague.

Fossil prints of slanting raindrops that marked the earth during a northeast gale in Colorado 250 million years ago are on exhibit at Chicago's Field Museum.

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There are no snakes in New Zealand.

Evidence of man's presence in European Russia in the Old Stone Age has been reported from discoveries at over 100 sites.

Weather insurance, to insure crops carried on sailing vessels to distant ports, was used as long ago as the thirteenth century.

Hairless animals are reproduced realistically for museum exhibits by replacing the skin with a celluloid compound, and the same process has been successfully used for a hairy orang-utan.

Government scientists are working on a method of converting the lactic acid in milk into acrylic acid which is useful in making transparent plastics that can be substituted for glass.

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