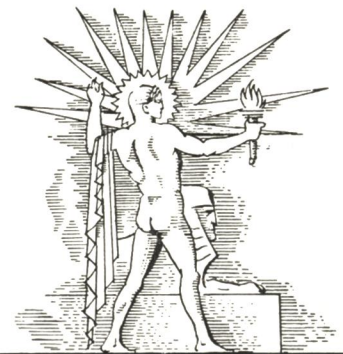


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Do You Know?

A British writer, describing falconry, calls it the "golf and tennis of Tudor times."

More than 20,000 species of insects are known in the United States, and of these more than 6,000 rate as pests.

Japan requires gasoline to be mixed with five per cent alcohol, and will increase the amount until 20 per cent of alcohol is required.

It is not yet known whether chin-chillas raised in England will retain the silky quality of their fur in a climate so different from that of the Andes.

Almost three-fourths of all wheat crop losses are due to bad weather, a term which includes drought, hail, cold waves, hot winds, storms, and too much rain.

A colt's long legs are not "full length" at birth, as some people think; the average draft colt will add seven inches from elbow to ground by the time it is grown.

About 150,000 persons in the United States each year are injured permanently and seriously enough to prevent a return to work without rehabilitation assistance.

Excavations for a new block of government buildings on the site of Whitehall Palace, London, have uncovered foundations of royal apartments, a wine cellar, a great hall built for Cardinal Wolsey, and other historic remnants which will be photographed before work proceeds.

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Ebony is not always black.

Guatemala has ghostlike towns that are almost deserted through the year, but thronged with perhaps 25,000 people on special days.

When the New York World's Fair ground becomes a permanent park, four buildings will be kept as a sports arena, auditorium, field house, and boat house.

Nearly a million members of the Coptic church in Egypt consider themselves descendants of the ancient Egyptians.

Two sets of actors, one to appear on the stage and one to speak the lines from a sound booth, will be used to make sure that audiences can hear every word in "The Cavalcade of the West," outdoor spectacle at the San Francisco fair.

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