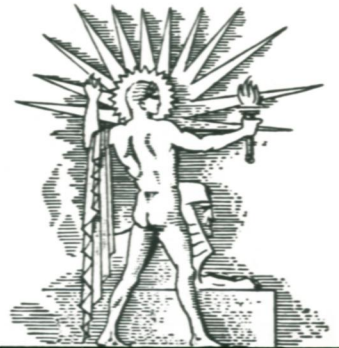


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Do You Know?

Of its 435 kinds of birds, Florida counts 174 as "permanent residents."

The Arctic regions are usually coldest just before the sun rises, that is, in late February and early March.

An audience of 500 deaf students recently watched a television broadcast at the Golden Gate Exposition.

Inquiries on how to feed pet crickets and keep them healthy have recently been received by a Cornell entomologist.

Composers are generally at the height of their genius between 35 and 40 years of age, according to a recent statistical study.

The mental age of children entering psychopathic hospital wards is sometimes rated by observing how completely they draw the human form.

A collection of 1,500 mineral and fossil specimens, which two British women made prior to the 1820's, has come to the Field Museum of Natural History.

A Stone Age woman whose skeleton was found in the Crimean Peninsula had the end joints of the little fingers cut off—a custom known in recent times among primitives.

An archaeologist says that it is often hard to judge how warlike prehistoric men were, because stone blades and points could serve for hunting and domestic use as well as for combat.

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To light up a dial phone, non-glare, seven-watt lights have been devised.

The London Zoo's baby giant panda, Ming, gets exercise by romping with a well-trained Alsatian dog.

A population expert figures that 52.5 per cent of the earth's inhabitants are living on a little over five per cent of the land area.

Fresh-harvested potatoes contain more vitamin C than potatoes kept in storage a month or longer.

A thick stand of cattails, willows and alders along a small brook or irrigation ditch may drink it dry.

To provide Stanford Museum with material for a coral scene, Florida divers collected a ton and a half of coral.

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