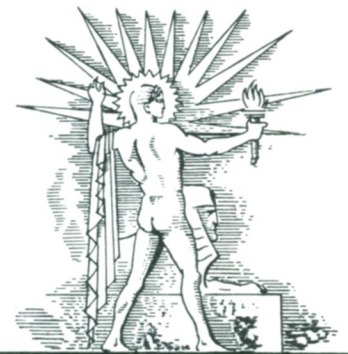


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## Do You Know?

African pigmies raise no crops, and live entirely by hunting.

Approximately 80 by-products are now obtained in the beef cattle industry.

The true antelope, found only in Africa, has curved horns without prongs.

The major use for buttermilk now—aside from food for man and beast—is in paint.

Dogs that help guard the Kimberley diamond mines in Africa are Alsations and bull mastiffs.

In fish that lack scales, it may be possible to judge the age by examining the year rings in the vertebrae.

Ninety per cent of tire troubles and tire accidents occur during the last 2,000 or 3,000 miles of the tire's life.

Soap nuts, which grow on trees in India, have been used there since ancient times to wash textiles and jewelry.

The forest of semi-arid western United States is mainly pinon pine and Utah juniper, trees of low commercial value.

Greek Olympic Games at one time included a race by men wearing heavy armor, considered valuable training for active duty.

India is planning to take stock of its mineral springs to determine the physical and chemical properties of the waters and their possible therapeutic value.

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Diamonds will burn if heated to about 800 degrees Centigrade in air.

Germany has 340 people to the square mile, or fewer than Great Britain, Netherlands, or Belgium.

Snow fences made of living trees instead of pickets are being tried along Wisconsin highways, and are believed economical.

There have been more than 4,000 makes of automobiles since the first car propelled by an internal combustion engine appeared in France in 1868.

An official of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration says: "According to a recent study of the period, the vigor of the early Roman Republic was sapped by draining the farmers into the Roman legions."

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