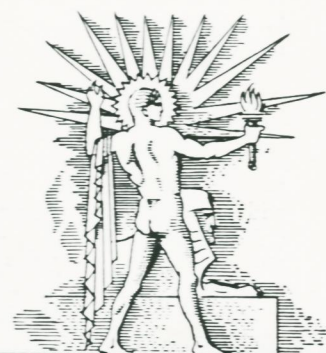
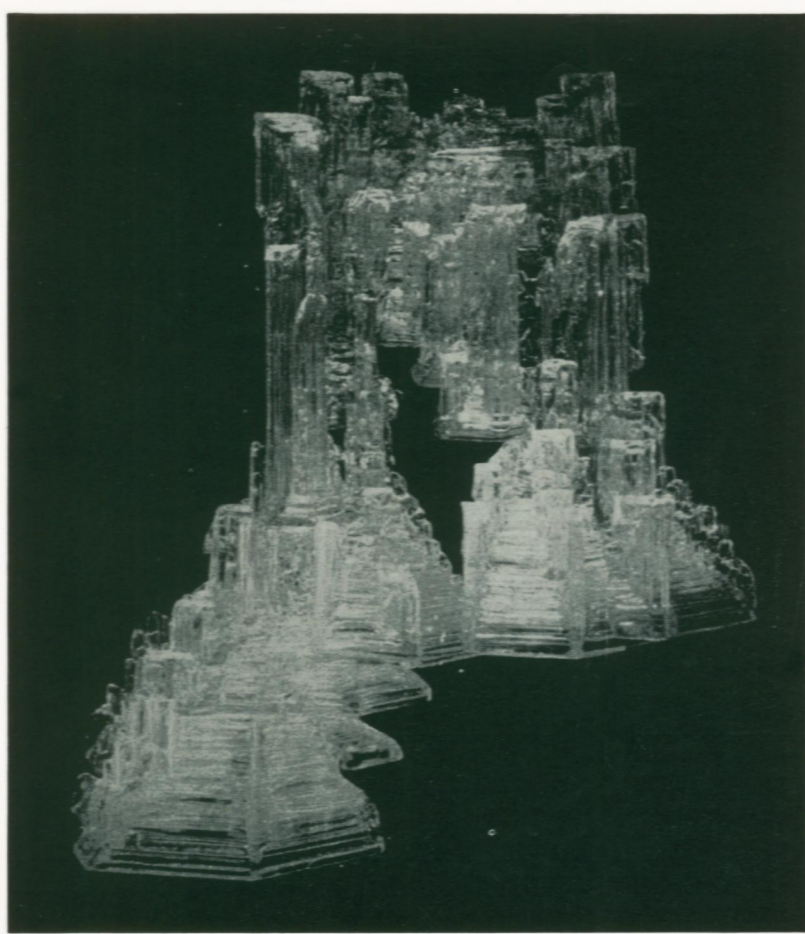


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The cream in goat milk does not rise, but it can be separated mechanically.

Over half of the two-year-old children seen at one dental clinic had decaying teeth.

Europe is now trying silk-soap, a product containing five per cent. of low grade silk waste.

The United States last year imported 20 million dollars worth of products from China and 13 million from Japan.

An undersea bank only 20 fathoms under water has been discovered near Cuba, where previous charts had shown a depth of 1,000 fathoms.

Despite a popular idea that California's Big Trees thrive only in that corner of the world, such trees have been successfully planted in Switzerland and a number of other countries.

It is considered wasteful to burn brush in farm woodland, because the piles provide good refuges for birds and small game; and because the twigs and branches eventually decay to give back needed humus to the soil.

According to a recent traffic survey, 18-foot roads are too narrow for modern traffic, 20-foot roads are too narrow for a road frequented by many wide trucks, whereas 22-foot roads are quite adequate for modern mixed traffic.

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Sulphur was used 2,000 years before the Christian era by pagan priests in weird ceremonials, and also for practical use in bleaching linen and cotton.

Avalanches in the Alps may crash down the mountains with a speed of 120 miles an hour.

Tuberculosis is an important factor in poverty, because it attacks most often individuals between 20 and 50 years old, just when they are in the earning stage.

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