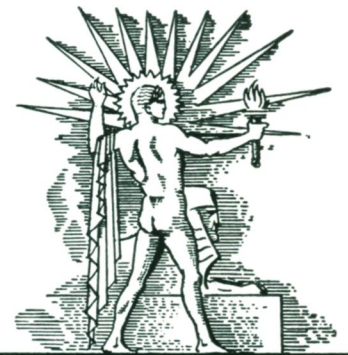
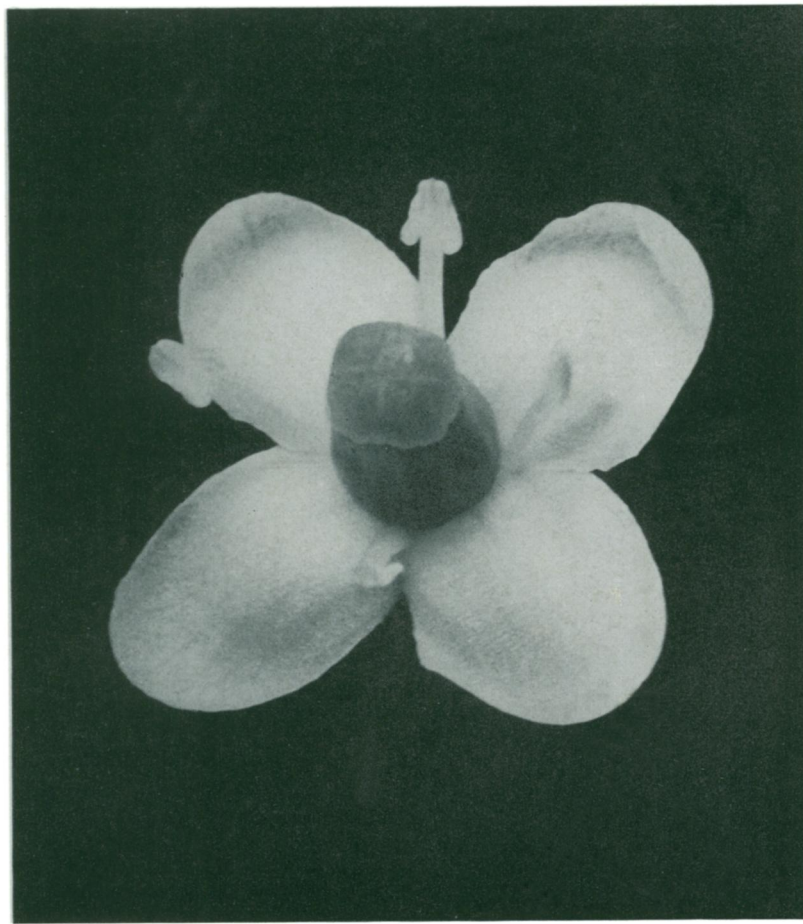


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DO YOU KNOW?

Many fires in the home start by the replacement of blown fuses with pennies.

Fifty-five Arctic weather stations are now in operation along Soviet shores and islands.

Paper dishes, made by a special process, are being used on a large scale for food and drink in Soviet Russia.

The first letter written on a typewriter in the United States is in the historical collection of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

Ten thousand miles by airplane in twelve days recently brought a package of valuable drugs from New York to a hospital in Pretoria, South Africa.

An 80-quart mixing machine and an electric toaster that handles 2,800 slices of bread an hour are among the new devices for hotel kitchens.

British engine manufacturers are interested in a new chrome-hardening process which increases wear resistance in Diesel engine cylinders by as much as 400 per cent.

Growth of fungi produces numerous materials with important industrial possibilities.

East Indian scientists have been making tests to learn why donkey's milk is more digestible than cow's milk.

The boundary dispute between Ecuador and Peru involves an area claimed by both nations, as big as the State of New York.

The bone deformity called perosis in young chickens is traced to lack of manganese and certain other inorganic elements in their diet.

An anthropologist who studied skeletons of Egyptians living before the dynastic era, found arthritis of the spine in 40 per cent of cases.

The U. S. Forest Service has made tests to find the best colored goggles for men who have to endure glare and sunlight while watching for forest fires.

The modern French governess had an equivalent in ancient Rome—well brought up children spoke Greek from infancy, generally taught by a Greek.

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