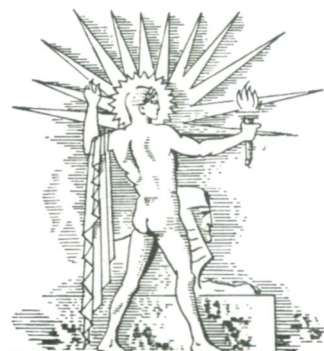


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## Do You Know?

Helmets worn by British "Tommies" are made of non-magnetic manganese steel.

When plants give off quantities of water through their leaves, they avoid sunburn.

Germany has been forced to over-cut its forests seriously, in using wood in substitutes and for other emergencies.

China and Mongolia, a little larger than the United States, have less than 9,000 miles of railroad, compared with 253,000 in the United States.

Catalina Island, off the California coast, may be 30 million years older than nearby islands, is the theory of oceanographers based on a geological study.

The tiny tungsten filament of an incandescent lamp gives off light at the highest temperature ordinarily encountered by man, or twice the temperature of molten steel.

Government scientists find that southern peach trees, which require ordinarily a certain amount of winter cold before breaking their winter rest, will bud successfully after milder winters if sprayed with a dinitrophenol compound.

Dry ice was originally produced from carbon dioxide especially manufactured for the purpose, says *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*; but now 85% of the dry ice in America is made from carbon dioxide that is a by-product from fermentation and other industries.

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Chungking, present capital of nationalistic China, has had its name since 1188 A.D. but there was a settlement on the site as far back as 2200 B.C.

The only apple trees in America before white men came were the crab-apples.

Crater Lake, Oregon, is sometimes called "bottomless," but the bottom of Crater Lake has been more accurately mapped than the surface of many townships of the state.

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