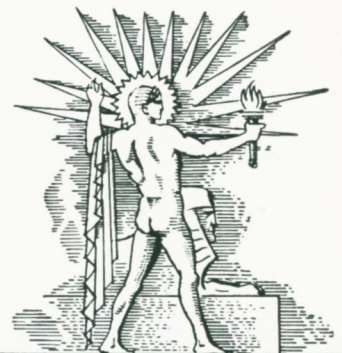
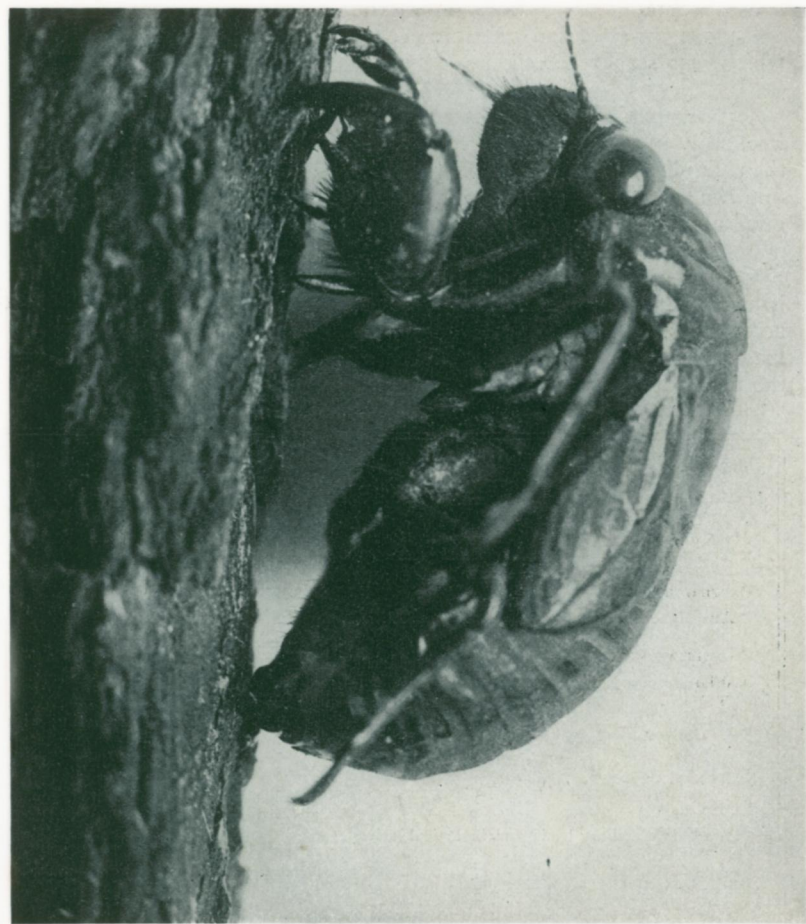


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DO YOU KNOW?

Highway planning surveys are to be made by 32 states.

In the days of Augustus Caesar, a tutor to Roman princes made an encyclopedic dictionary as a reference work.

By counting bird feathers, a naturalist has found that birds "dress" for the season, wearing more feathers in cold weather.

Tropical orchids almost always grow in tops of high trees, but the orchids are not parasites.

At the New York Zoo, recently, an Indian cobra died, evidently from the poisonous bite of an African cobra which was seen to attack it.

Japanese walnut trees, planted experimentally in Connecticut, grow faster than English walnut, are hardy, make fine shade trees and produce small but good nuts.

Chisels of iron found in Tutankhamen's tomb were not ordinary tools, according to one theory, but were magical tools for opening the mouth of the dead king.

It is estimated that not two lepers in a hundred are in the institutions for care of leprosy throughout the world.

To introduce a color note into restaurants, neon tubes are being used to stir certain beverages, such as soft drinks.

Forest Service engineers find they can make strong and lightweight relief model maps from the stuff that model ladies in store windows are made of.

A building of peculiar architecture, with eight towers, is being erected in Moscow to house the most important state archives of the Soviet Union.

To patch up minor scratches and marks on automobiles, a company has produced a special decalcomania, or transfer material, in standard colors in tape form.

According to records in Sydney, an Australian whaling vessel, the *Venus*, ventured beyond 72 degrees south latitude in the South Polar region of the Ross Sea nine years before explorer James Ross made his famous voyage in the eighteen forties.

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