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staggering number of fields - from forensic investigation to evolutionary biology - and their innovations captivated the public imagination.

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