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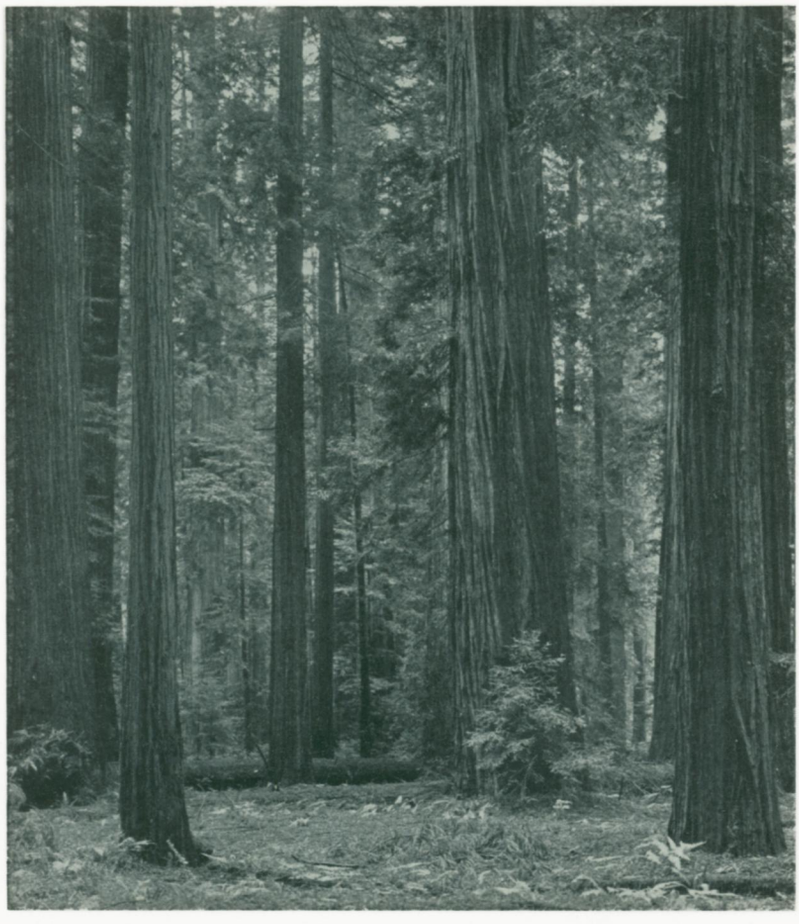

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DO YOU KNOW?

Greenland's big glaciers sometimes move 100 feet a day.

Butchers in Vienna are planning a soap works, to use up waste fat products.

Wattled ibises from Ethiopia are among the rare birds in the New York Zoo.

There are 35 species of hawks known to live or visit in America north of Mexico.

There are almost 200 varieties of quartz, amethyst being one of the most beautiful.

Green apples are more than twice as rich in pectin, the basis of fruit jellies, as ripe apples.

Near-sightedness is found to be rapidly increasing in Japan among school children and students.

A large cave under the Acropolis at Athens is being excavated by Lincoln MacVeagh, American Minister to Greece.

The best maple syrup is obtained from sap that flows early in the season.

Tobacco pipes up to six feet long are smoked at ceremonies by African chiefs in the Cameroons.

India's four-horned antelope is unique, other hollow-horned animals having only two horns.

Raisinseed oil is a new oil for salads and cooking, and is also found useful to painters, as it spreads quickly on canvas and dries slowly.

To encourage Germans to grow more fruit, the German government is paying a subsidy allotted to growers who plant at least ten fruit trees.

Lima beans are named after Lima, Peru, where a United States Navy captain obtained seed in 1824 and brought them to his farm in New York.

The task of naming the world's creatures is still going on—over 700,000 kinds of insects have been named and described, and new ones are still being found.

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