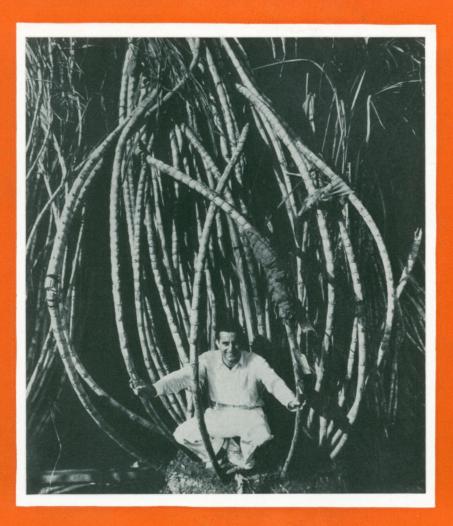


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# DO YOU KNOW?

Manufacture of paper was started in the United States as early as 1690.

The average altitude in West Virginia is 1,500 feet above sea level.

The Field Museum in Chicago has acquired a pure white albino bat.

Americans are credited with introducing iced foods and iced water to the world.

South Sea Island natives can make a good spear point from the tail of a horseshoe crab.

A South African company will soon be producing alcohol from corn on a considerable scale.

Unlike most ferns, the Japanese climbing fern has branch roots which serve as food storage organs.

California produces over two-thirds of the oranges grown in the United States; whereas Florida leads in grapefruit production.

When the 1940 Olympic games are held in Tokyo, Japan hopes to have television so advanced that Japanese homes will get television views of the events.

Dogs in this country are believed to number about 15 million.

China's cotton crop is expected to be the biggest in that country's history.

The oldest horseshoes that have been found date from the sixth century B.C.

Three especially made boats are to be used in the new system of ferrying trains across the British Channel.

To keep a giant ocean liner free of rats used to cost about \$50,000 a year, but now great ships can be built ratproof.

Style, rather than wearing quality, controls the price of silk dress goods, experiments in durability of silk textiles indicate.

Australian chemists have obtained from the "stinkwood" plant a fragrant distillate that may prove valuable in perfume making.

A tooth of one of the cave-dwelling Neandertal men, who lived in Europe some 50,000 years ago, has been acquired by the Field Museum in Chicago, and is valued highly because few original remains of that age have been permitted to leave the countries where they were found.

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