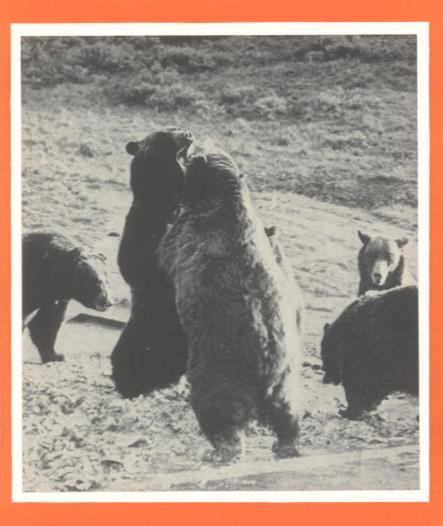
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London has been shadowed by an eclipse of the sun only once since 1140 A.D.

It is old-fashioned to raise a hat in greeting in Italy—the favored gesture is the Roman salute.

The University of Athens, which celebrated its hundredth anniversary this year, started with 14 students and now enrolls almost 10,000.

A Siamese-twin curiosity of the forest world is a mulberry tree and a sweet-gum tree growing from the same trunk, in Tyler State Park, Texas.

About 80 tons of wild-flower seeds will be planted in Texas this year through efforts of the State Highway Department to beautify roadsides.

According to an ancient Roman road register, issued about 200 A. D., the Roman Empire then had 372 important paved highways, totalling about 48,000

Now that hundreds of brands of dog foods are being sold, Connecticut is considering the idea of state inspection.

A particular kind of seaweed found in the south of England is being used in making synthetic leather.

Aviators seldom encounter birds 5,000 feet above ground, and few are seen above 3,000 feet except in regions high above sea level.

Tests show that even a clean glass will pick up 40,000 to 50,000 bacteria on its rim, if it is inverted on an unsterilized surface.

After the Revolutionary War with England, some Americans went so far as to favor abandoning English speech for this country, suggesting that either Greek or the Algonkian Indian language be adopted.

There are now about 8,000 miles of highway in the United States with more than two traffic lanes.

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