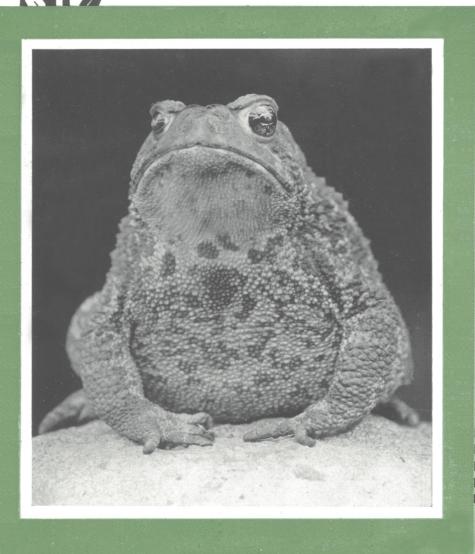
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## DO YOU KNOW THAT

Conceited men are unsafe automobile drivers, is the conclusion of an Illinois state criminologist.

Berlin is constructing a great radio center, with broadcasting studios, laboratories, and a radio museum.

When Alaric set the ransom of Rome, in the year 409, he demanded as one item 3,000 pounds of pepper.

Archives tracing the history of the Italian people in America are to be collected at the Casa Italiana of Columbia University.

Where weeds grow luxuriantly is the site to choose for your garden, for the soil is likely to be good, government scientists advise.

A sarcophagus, pierced with holes so that it could be used as a cistern, is a recent discovery at the Roman provincial town of Apamea, in Syria.

A noiseless airplane is planned by a British engineer.

The cake-urchin is a type of seaurchin shaped like a scalloped teacake.

A scientific expedition, equipped with seven motor tractors, is about to cross Asia, following in part the route taken by Marco Polo.

The All-Union Academy of Science of Soviet Russia expects to spend more than \$2,500,000 on scientific expeditions in 1931.

The American golden plover, which breeds in Arctic America, migrates the entire length of North and South America, wintering in Patagonia.

Recently developed chemical compounds which may be mixed with rubber in the melted state are said to prolong the life of light-colored rubber goods without staining.

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