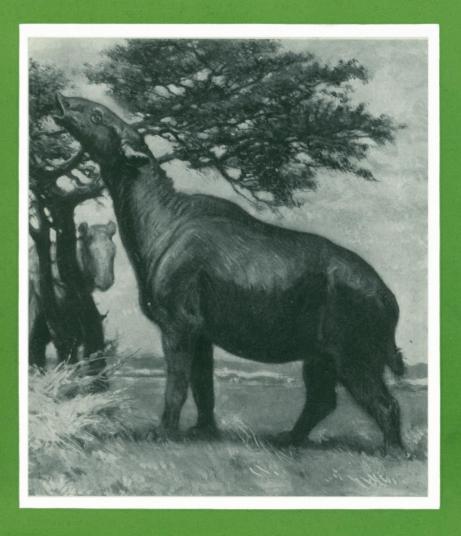
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DO YOU KNOW?

The Soviet Union has 67 radio broadcasting stations, using 62 languages.

Straw hats made in Germany this year will contain little, if any, straw, but will be made of paper yarn and special rayon "straws."

The Turkish Government has given an American expedition permission to excavate at Tarsus, home city of the Apostle Paul.

A British company is producing a new window glass, the basis of which is glass threads so finely drawn that a bundle of them is like a wisp of silk.

So adaptable is the leopard in its "typical feline activities," that it can pounce upon a sparrow or strike down an ox, says Dr. W. H. Osgood, zoologist.

The screw worm, notorious pest of the Southwest, invaded Texas and southeastern States last year and killed thousands of dollars worth of livestock before farmers knew what was happening.

Manufacturers have succeeded in making "zipper" fasteners of plastic material in various colors.

The Chinese Government is taking steps to locate a suitable route for a highway across Central Asia.

A historian, writing of Roman days, says that a large number of public buildings in Pompeii were gifts from private citizens.

Air carries as much soil as water possibly more—from one part of the country to another, says the Department of Agriculture.

Three new varieties of carnation created in government greenhouses are described as "of easy culture, readily propagated, and free flowering."

Written on rolls of papyrus, as they doubtless originally were, New Testament books would be of this length: Matthew 30 feet; Mark 19 feet, Luke 31 feet, John 23 feet, 6 inches.

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