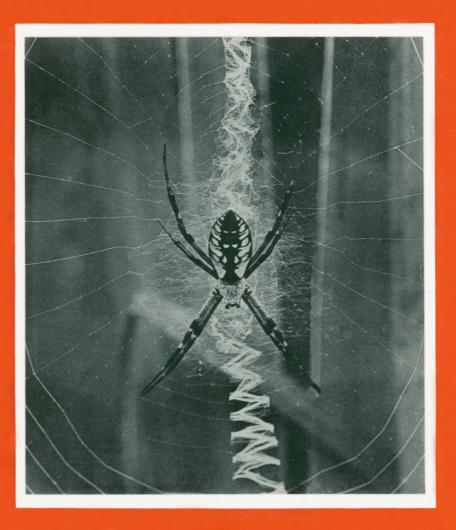
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# DO YOU KNOW?

Egypt had inheritance taxes in 700 B.C.

Meteor Crater in Arizona is a mile in extent and 500 feet deep.

The larva of the clothes moth has a skin so transparent that the larva becomes the color of the food it eats.

Except for snake venoms and a few other poisons, tolerance toward poison increases with repeated small doses.

Hens are a prey to at least nine species of lice, several species of mites and at least two kinds of fleas, says a poultry specialist.

Sculpture by some blind art students shows a surprising resemblance to the work of primitive peoples and early European artists.

The most complete library on the eye and its diseases in the world is said to be the 5,000 volumes at the Royal London Opthalmic Hospital.

Scientists studying the effects of diet on experimental animals find that 21 days in the life of an albino rat correspond to 21 months in the life of a child.

The tallest group of people in the United States are the mountaineers of North Carolina.

In upper New York state alone, there are on record 335 typhoid carriers exclusive of those in state institutions.

New York has a "toyery" where children can borrow toys free of charge, as they take books from a public library.

The French National Museum of Natural History, in Paris, was founded in 1635 and celebrated its tercentenary this

A gladiator carved from a single stone and weighing over 60 tons guards the entrance to the new Archives Building in Washington.

Attempts to restore Egyptian mummies to their original state by chemical solution containing sodium hydroxide have so far proved unsuccessful.

Zapotec Indians in Mexico had painless dentistry a thousand years ago, says an archaeologist, for they used a natural anesthetic growing wild in their country.

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