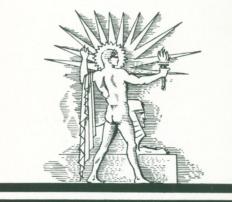
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# DO YOU KNOW?

The Congo region of Africa has been under Belgian rule 50 years.

Young deer sometimes fight one another by boxing with their front hoofs.

Bulgaria is trying to grow pyrethrum, used in insecticides, in its effort to diversify crops.

British scientists interested in exploration of caves of Britain have formed the British Speleological Association.

About 20 per cent. of the students preparing for the medical and dental professions in Germany are now women.

The experiment of not using money was tried by the Incas of ancient Peru, the Spartans of Greece, and recently for a while by Soviet Russia.

Although the coast of Maine is only 225 miles in a straight line, the state has a shore line of 1,319 miles if its irregular outlines and islands are measured.

"Pyramidiot" is the epithet coined by a British archaeologist to fit people who persist in making Egyptian pyramids out to be mystic and symbolic, despite archaeological agreement that these pyramids are tombs and nothing else.

Cut poppies keep best if floated on lukewarm water.

Houses built of copper are being introduced in this country.

India's "untouchables" in the Hindu caste system number 50 millions.

Droughts kill more people in northern China than the spectacular floods.

The most extensive empire ever established was that of the Mongols under Kublai Khan.

Autopsies performed on zoo animals when they die sometimes shed new light on obscure forms of disease.

In the Sahara Desert wounds are said to heal with extraordinary ease, due to the relative freedom from trouble-making bacteria.

The United States is to confer with the Canadian government regarding construction of a motor highway crossing Canada to reach Alaska.

If properly cared for, a half-acre garden will produce enough vegetables for year round use by the average family, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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