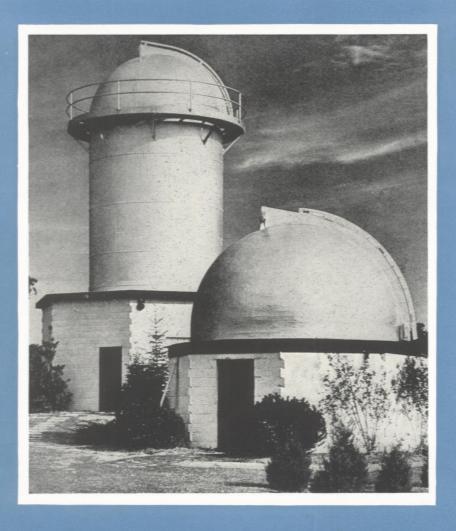


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DO YOU KNOW?

British bulldogs were famous even in Roman days.

A mammoth's tooth was recently dug up at Oxford, England.

A new dye made in Hungary can be applied to window panes to keep out ultraviolet rays.

Experiments in cooling railroad cars with a mixture of ice and dry ice have been made in Hungary.

Wireless transmission of pictures across the Pacific has been successful in various trials, between Japan and San Francisco.

Dental science is being taught at Columbia University as a cultural course to students in anthropology.

To test corrosion of steel exposed to weather, engineers put steel plates outdoors in Maryland 20 years ago and are still inspecting them.

According to a treaty with Mexico, America's migratory song birds, such as mockingbirds, finches, and buntings, cannot legally be sold as cage birds except to zoos and other scientific institutions.

Not many wild animals live out their natural lives and die of old age.

When iron was new in old Egypt, it was rare and was valued as material for rings and other jewelry.

A chemical that gives a good scent imitation of a skunk is used as a fire warning in some mines.

The earliest evidence of wine made in Greece consists of wine jars 4,000 years old, and still containing grape seed.

Churning butter is a familiar process, but chemists are still somewhat puzzled as to exactly what chemical changes take place.

There is no convincing evidence that great floods are more frequent now than hundreds of years ago, says an army engineer.

Beheading shrimps has revolutionized the shipping of this popular sea food to distant markets; because headless shrimp weigh much less in shipment.

A British physicist states that street noises were worse in Victorian London than nowadays, but houses then were more solid and therefore more quiet.

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