

DID YOU KNOW . . .



Sixty feet is usually cited by experts as the greatest possible height a wave at sea can attain. However, in the Pacific Ocean, on February 7, 1933, during a 68-knot gale, the U.S.S. Ramapo recorded a wave 112 feet from trough to crest.



The fastest growing tree in the world is the Eucalyptus Saligna which in Uganda, Central Africa, has been known to grow 45 feet in 2 years. Bamboo, which is not botanically classified as a tree, has been observed to grow as much as 16 inches in a day, to a maximum height of 120 feet.



Man has tried to beat the heat for centuries. Some primitive tribes, for instance, faced their crude huts into prevailing winds and hung reed mats across the entrances which they sprinkled with water, creating a form of air conditioning.



The world's largest frogs are believed to be those found in the Montaro River area in Peru. They measure as much as 24 inches in length.



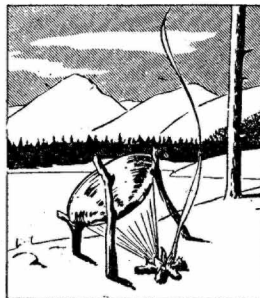
The Saluki, a slim dog of Asia, is thought to be the living representative of the first dog trained for hunting by man. Easily running at speeds up to 40 miles an hour, it can tire a gazelle.



A swan can break a man's arm with its wing.



Australian earthworms sometimes reach a length of eleven feet and a weight of one and a half pounds.



Fire can be started with ice. When shaped like a lens, ice serves as a burning glass.

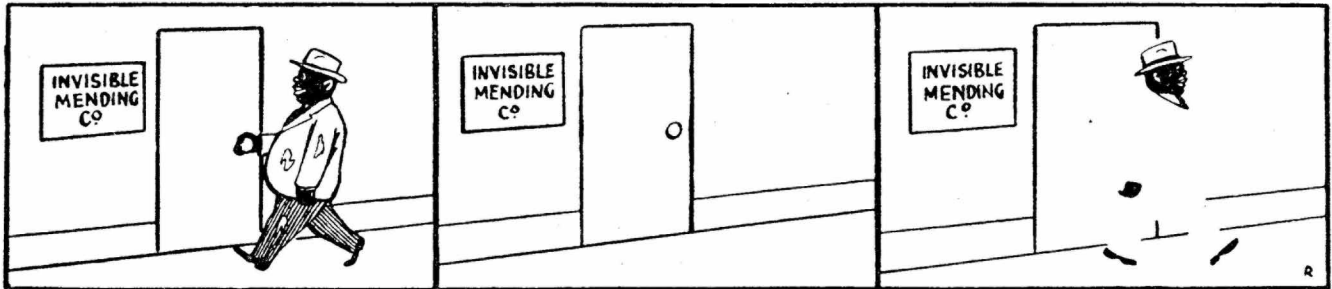


Authorities say the feathers of a yellow canary will turn red if the bird is fed paprika.



Scientists believe the four seasons of the year are slowly getting warmer.

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“seeded”. Rainfall in both areas is measured carefully. At the end of the first year the rainfall in the seeded area was much greater than in the unseeded area. In the second year this occurred again.

Each half-inch of rain that falls in the Mallee district of Victoria in spring adds more than £1,000,000 to the value of the wheat crop. What a wonderful future Australia will have if even an inch or two of rain can be made to fall when and where it is needed!