

# DID YOU KNOW ?

HERBERT HOOVER was the first President born west of the Mississippi River.

TIGER are native only to Asia and are not found in Africa with lions and leopards.

The wandering ALBATROSS has the greatest wingspread of the entire bird kingdom. Their wings often measure 11 feet from tip to tip.

The PIG outranks the horse in intelligence.

The big PYTHON sometimes eat mammals weighing 150 pounds.

The REINDEER has 6 stomachs.

BLOOD circulates from the heart through about 12,000 miles of blood vessels, the distance from New York to Hong Kong by way of the Panama Canal.

The apple, pear, quince, berries, peach, apricot, plum, and cherry are all members of the ROSE family.

ATOMS are so small that if a drop of water were magnified to the size of the earth, the atoms in the drop would be smaller than an orange. And...if a person were the size of an atom, all the people on the earth would fit into a space smaller than the point of a pin.

Of every 1000 students who enter high school in the U. S., 417 are graduated. Of these, 146 go to college, but only 72 are graduated.

The DIRT taken out of the Panama Canal would have built a wall 10 feet high and five feet wide around the earth.

The entire ATMOSPHERE of the earth weighs nearly 6 million billion tons.

An ounce of PLATINUM can be hammered out into a thin wire that would reach from New York City to New Orleans.

If MOUNT EVEREST were sunk in the deepest part of the ocean it would be more than a mile below the surface of the water. And...if the surface of the earth was leveled off, the entire globe would be covered by water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles deep.

There are more than 1,200 known American Indian languages or dialects.

A modern heavy BOMBER holds enough fuel to drive a car around the world 16 times.

The oldest canal in existence, with parts of it still in use, is the GRAND CANAL of China. It was finished by Kublai Khan about 1280 A. D.

The AMAZON RIVER is more than 200 feet deep and 150 miles wide at its mouth. About 750 different kinds of fish live in the water. Also the river pushes fresh water more than 100 miles into the Atlantic Ocean.

The hottest SPRING in the world is in Iceland. Deep in the spring the water is 50 degrees above that of the boiling point.

The Greenland ICE CAP, up to feet thick covers an area of about 700,000 square miles. If it were to melt, the oceans of the earth would rise 24 feet.

The BLACK SWALLOWER, a small fish of the deep sea, can easily swallow and digest a fish 2 or 3 times its own size.

The EARTH is probably more than 2,000,000,000 years old. The diameter at the equator is 7,926.56 miles, and the diameter through the North and South poles is 7,899.74 miles.

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