

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

STRANGE TAILS, AND THEIR USES!

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THE JERBOA BOUNDS ALONG ON TWO LEGS, USING ITS TAIL AS A RUDDER AND BALANCE.



SQUIRRELS ARE ABLE TO JUMP SAFELY FROM TALL TREES, BY USING THEIR TAILS AS SAILS, OR PARACHUTES.

WOODPECKERS BRACE THEMSELVES AGAINST THE TRUNKS OF TREES WITH THEIR SHARPLY POINTED TAILFEATHERS.



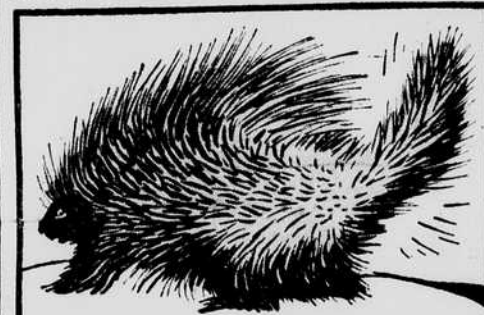
PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN OF THE MANY PURPOSES SERVED BY TAILS IS THAT OF FLY SWATTING! HORSES AND COWS POSSESS THIS TYPE.



THE WHITETAIL DEER USES ITS TAIL AS A FLAG, FOR SIGNALLING.



SPIDER MONKEYS USE THEIR LONG TAILS AS AN EXTRA HAND, FOR REACHING AND GRASPING.



THE PORCUPINE'S QUILL-STUDDED TAIL, WHEN LASHED AT AN ENEMY, MAKES AN EXCELLENT WEAPON.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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