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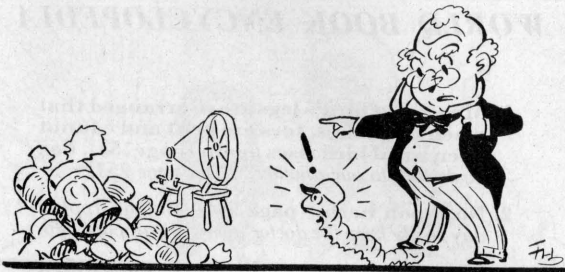
1. Why doesn't a canary fall off its perch when it is asleep?
2. Do bananas grow on trees?
3. Is there any lead in a "lead pencil"?
4. Why are country roads almost always sixty-six feet wide?
5. Why is tea the universal drink in China?
6. Is the tomato a fruit or a vegetable?
7. What makes the tides rise and fall?
8. Why were there no babies born in January before 700 B. C.?
9. What President's wife dried the family wash in the East Room of the White House?
10. In what country is it colder than at the North Pole?
11. Is the city of London really larger than New York City?
12. What animal flies?

## ANSWERS FROM THE NEW WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA

1. Muscles of bird's legs are so arranged that when it perches, toes are bent and cannot open until bird rises again (page 753). Can birds talk to one another? Read page 753.
2. No, upon herbs (page 594). Will an apple a day really keep the doctor away? Read page 326.
3. No, graphite makes the mark (page 5451). What is the hardest known substance? Read page 2911.
4. This is length of original surveyor's chain, (page 1295). What is difference between cement and concrete? Read page 1270.
5. All drinking water must be boiled for sanitary reasons. Tea renders boiled water palatable (page 1392). Does tea contain more caffeine than coffee? Read page 1068.
6. A fruit (page 7205). Why are potatoes called "Irish"? Read page 5779.
7. The attraction of sun and moon acting unequally causes the waters to "pile up" (page 7172). What causes sap to rise in a tree? Read page 6383.
8. "January" did not exist at that time (page 3618, page 5112). Was the year 1900 a Leap Year? Read page 3906.
9. John Adams' wife (page 28). What President of the United States was a bachelor? Read page 992.
10. Central Siberia (page 6588). Where is the world's hottest city? Read page 45.
11. No, the "city" of London covers only about one square mile (page 4093). What is the oldest city in the United States? Read page 6302.
12. The bat (page 647). What animal never drinks? Read page 2708.



*Tin cans are used in making silk stockings*



## QUESTIONS

13. What does the crocodile use as a toothpick?
  14. Why doesn't a Chinaman need a fish-pole?
  15. When was an *American* five dollar bill worth only a penny in silver?
  16. What *animal* is grown commercially by sowing seed in the ocean?
  17. What is the national flower of the United States?
  18. Can the porcupine really shoot his quills?
  19. Why is some hair straight and other hair curly?
  20. What does "Amen" mean?
  21. Why do kings wear royal *purple*?
  22. Why does a snake always sleep with its eyes open?
  23. What is the oldest political organization in the United States?
  24. If the highest mountain in the world were placed at the deepest point in the ocean, would the mountain top show above water?
  25. In what *free republic* can no white man vote?
13. **Bird of plover family picks his teeth** (page 1750). *What bird migrates 22,000 miles each year? Read page 752.*
  14. **Chinese train cormorants to catch fish for them** (page 1680). *What kind of fish climbs into bushes? Read page 2442.*
  15. **After the Revolution, in 1782** (page 4558). *What is "German silver"? Read page 2768.*
  16. **The oyster** (page 5284). *How do you tell the age of an oyster? Read page 5283.*
  17. **The goldenrod** (page 2862). *Why does the United States import dandelion roots? Read page 1820.*
  18. **No, quills merely come out easily when touched** (page 5743). *What is the animal we call a ground hog? Read page 2968.*
  19. **Straight hair is cylindrical, while flattened hair has a tendency to curl** (page 3007). *What is mohair? Read page 4567.*
  20. **"Be it so"—Hebrew** (page 246). *On what continent did all great religions originate? Read page 450.*
  21. **Purple dye was once so expensive that only the wealthiest people could afford it** (page 5887). *Is black a color? Read page 778.*
  22. **It has no eye lids** (page 6659). *How can a person recognize a poisonous snake? Read page 6661.*
  23. **The Democratic Party** (page 1838). *What are the six ways a man may become President? Read page 5804.*
  24. **No** (page 5149, page 4696). *Which is better for drinking, hard or soft water? Read page 7664.*
  25. **Liberia** (page 3961). *What is the world's smallest republic? Read page 6376.*

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26. Why does a camel have a hump?
27. Why does a red and white striped pole stand in front of a barber shop?
28. How can you tell how far away lightning has struck?
29. What causes one's corns to hurt in rainy weather?
30. Why is the sky blue?
31. What language did Jesus Christ speak?
32. Is moldy food poisonous?
33. Will less than half of a dollar bill be redeemed by the United States Treasury?
34. What country was almost ruined by a pair of rabbits?
35. Will you "get warts" if you touch a toad?
36. Can you see steam?
37. Where do Monday and Tuesday occur on the same day?

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26. **Hump** consists of muscle, flesh, and fat which can be absorbed as nourishment when camel is required to go a long time without food (page 1104). *Why does a dog turn around before he lies down? Read page 1987.*
27. **Represents the bandage with which ancient barbers wrapped patients after practicing surgery (blood-letting) (page 618).** *Why are there no bearded Indians? Read page 3402.*
28. **Time the interval between flash and sound, five seconds for each mile (page 4003).** *Does sound travel faster in air or in water? Read page 6695.*
29. **Moisture causes leather shoe to shrink and pinch (page 1691).** *Is a "Hudson Seal" coat really seal skin? Read page 4780.*
30. **Particles of dust in upper atmosphere reflect only the blue waves of light (page 6636).** *Why is rain always dirty? Read page 2058.*
31. **Aramaic (page 343).** *What language is spoken today by the greatest number of people? Read page 3870.*
32. **Black, no; blue, sometimes poisonous (page 4573).** *Why do modern candy makers use spinach? Read page 1167.*
33. **Yes (page 4589).** *How did the expression, "not worth a Continental" originate? Read page 4558.*
34. **New Zealand (page 5002).** *What is the "Single Tax"? Read page 6621.*
35. **No, but your skin may be poisoned (page 7191).** *What animal drinks through its skin? Read page 7191.*
36. **No, it is colorless and invisible (page 6819).** *Will dust explode? Read page 2060.*
37. **At the International Date Line (page 3484).** *During what one month have all our important American Wars begun? Read page 330.*

*Fish is NOT particularly valuable as "brain food"*



## QUESTIONS

38. Why can a female ant live nearly a year without eating?
39. What product made from coal is sweeter than sugar?
40. What common domestic animal cannot reproduce its kind?
41. Are diamonds mined in the United States?
42. Why is perpetual motion impossible?
43. Is Niagara the highest waterfall in the United States?
44. What book of the Bible does not mention the name of God?
45. What is the costliest of all precious stones?
46. What is the right bank of a river?
47. Can a whale drown?
48. What is the modern name for the country in which Noah's Ark landed?
49. Is the bite of a tarantula ever fatal to a person?
50. Is a good memory always a sign of intelligence?

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38. She stores up food in her body (page 299). How many legs has an insect? Read page 3459.
39. Saccharin (page 6292, page 1502). What high explosive is made from coal? Read page 1502.
40. The mule (page 4734). What animal is taller than the elephant? Read page 2811.
41. Yes, in Arkansas (page 400). Where are the world's greatest platinum deposits? Read page 5652.
42. Because energy cannot be created (page 5491). Is a hammer a machine? Read page 4180.
43. No, Yosemite (page 7950). What is the world's largest river system? Read page 241.
44. The Book of Esther (page 2300). Why is it now said that Christ was born in the fifth year "B. C." Read page 3666.
45. The ruby (page 6235). Can genuine precious gems be manufactured? Read page 2712.
46. The one on your right hand when facing downstream (page 6135). What important river 1,800 miles long still remains unbridged throughout its length? Read page 918.
47. Yes, it cannot breathe under water (page 7727). Do fish breathe oxygen? Read page 2440.
48. Armenia (page 408). What is the shortest distance from America to Asia? Read page 712.
49. Painful, but no fatalities on record (page 7020). What common pest is "the deadliest of all insects"? Read page 2498.
50. No, a "half wit" may have a marvelous memory (page 4389). Is fish particularly valuable as a "brain food"? Read page 2442.





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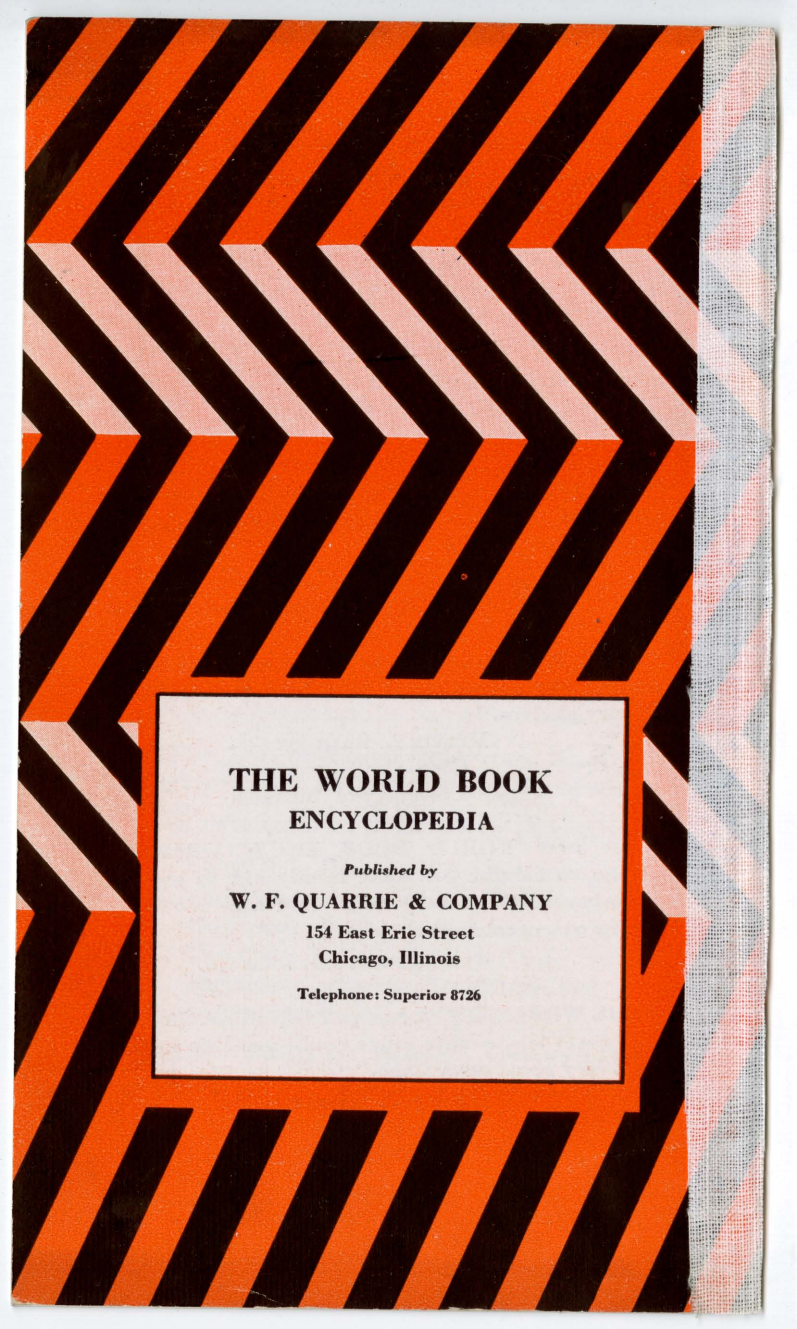
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