The ancestors of the horse had toes on each foot. All these digits have shrunk except the middle ones of each foot, until the horse has only one great toe with a large nail, or hoof, and the remains of two others on each side of the hoof.

Scientific observers once believed that the deer fly, world's fastest living thing, could fly 818 miles per hour. Dr. L. Langmuir disagrees, saying wind pressure would crush the insect. The fly's speed is now estimated to be 400 m.p.h.

The world's highest capital is La Paz, Bolivia's seat of government. It is situated in a sheltered valley at a height of 11,900 feet.

sound travels further in low temperatures. An ordinary conversation can be overheard from a half-mile to a mile away at 80 degrees below zero (F.).

Iceland is governed by a general assembly established in 930, making it the oldest legislative form of government in the world.

Henry Crown, an American, who started his business career as a 14-week office boy, today is the sole owner of New York's Empire State Building, the world's tallest building. He bought it for $1 million dollars.

Syria's capital, Esh Sham (Damascus) is the world's oldest continuously inhabited city. In existence nearly 4,000 years, it has become a commercial and industrial centre of 400,000 population.

Two tough young fellows from the wild and woolly west, Tom Flynn, of Bourke, and Billy Coffey, of Brewarrina.

Big smiles from Rivia Roberts and Lottie Ling, of Cubawee.

Mrs. Maxine Reilly, of Armidale.