**Almost Everywhere**

**Aborigines lived around here, too. And pretty near everywhere. The word means earliest inhabitants, not just native Australians*. (L. M. Boyd)***

**What’s special about that tree called the quaking aspen is that it grows just about everywhere from northeast Alaska to central Mexico. No other North American tree has such a wide growth range. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**When you want to order blue jeans at a clothing store in France, what do you ask for? Blue jeans. Likewise in Japan, the Soviet Union, Italy and just about everywhere. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Dinosaur fossils have been found on every continent except Antarctica. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**No luminescent creature has been studied more than the common firefly, or “lightning bug.” It is found everywhere except the continent of Antarctica. *(Francine Jacobs, in Nature’s Light, p. 18)***

**Nearly every country has gold in the ground, and there are at least 10 billion tons of it in the water of the oceans, waiting to be harvested. *(Reader's Digest: Strange Stories, Amazing Facts, p. 80)***

**The amount of gold dissolved in the oceans is nearly 9 million tons, about 180 times the total amount of gold dug out of mines in the entire history of humanity. The gold in the oceans is too diffuse to be extractable at a profit. *(Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 18)***

**So you thought a “cosmopolite” was a widely traveled citizen of worldly experience, did you? So did I. It is, in fact, any organism that is found all over. A housefly is a cosmopolite*. (L. M. Boyd)***

**Where can I find a place on this earth where I can get away from lightning and thunder storms? You're out of luck. They're all over. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Mice are the most widely distributed mammals on earth, except for humans. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**These are the microbes: their name comes from two Greek words meaning “small” and “life.” These minute organisms exist everywhere in the world of living creatures. Incredible numbers of them float in every droplet of water and every thimbleful of air, and the soil teems with them. They live with, upon, and within every plant and every animal, including the human animal. *(Miller/Goode, in Man & His Body, p. 49)***

**Indian mummies are buried just about everywhere in the town of Arica, Chile. Turn the backyard to put in a garden and you're bound to dig up a mummy or two. Kids toss the bones around and thinking nothing of it. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Do octopuses live in the Antarctic? That they do. All oceans, all latitudes, all depths*. (L. M. Boyd)***

**For centuries, nearly every culture has had a form of food that resembles pizza. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

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