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Aluminum coats have come. No man ever loved a woman while he was busy.  
In Germany glassblowers are paid only once a year.  
The Falls of Teverone will light Rome by electricity.  
The world grows very full of ghosts as we grow older.  
When excited the emperor of Austria pulls out his checks.  
The white canvas gloves are not chamois at all, but a prepared kid.  
British Guiana produced nearly £2,000,000 worth of gold last year.  
Boil the clothesline and it will not "kink," as new rope is apt to do.  
More than 30,000,000 wooden spoons are annually produced in Russia.  
Flowers amounting to the value of \$14,175,328 were sold by American florists last year.  
Scald rhubarb for a few moments before cooking and much less sugar will be needed.  
The navy of Great Britain is larger than that of any other power. France ranks second.  
Babies cry because they are babies and are unable to express their feelings in any other way.  
Jelly will not mold if a thin layer of paper dipped in the white of an egg is laid upon the top.  
A full stomach is a great aid to poetry, and, indeed, no sentiment of any kind can stand upon an empty one.  
One of the oldest things on the tapis was the sale of 500 miles of carpet at auction in the great city recently.  
British heroes were famous when Julius Caesar invaded the country. He carried some of them to Rome with him.  
A French mechanic has recently invented an electric lamp for examining the interior of metal tubes and projectiles for guns.  
Don't live in hope with your arms folded; fortune smiles on those who roll up their sleeves and put their shoulder to the wheel.  
Recent improvements in telegraphy enable certain companies to transmit 100 words for twenty-five cents and realize a handsome profit.  
Germany stands at the front in electrical science, although the United States is far ahead of any other country in the practical use of electricity.

Not So Long, but Quite as Wide.  
It is customary for railroads to issue annual passes to the highest officials of other railroads in the same section of the country. A while ago the president of a little lumber railroad in Minnesota—a line only four miles long and built solely for the transportation of lumber—called at the general office of the Great Northern railway at St. Paul, presented his card and said that he had issued an annual pass to President James Hill, of the Great Northern, and would like a similar courtesy. The office employees were thunderstruck by this display of nerve, and politely refused to honor the request. The caller grew indignant and demanded to see "Jim" Hill personally. Being ushered into President Hill's private office he again stated his case and asked for an annual pass.  
"But, my dear sir, your road is not a passenger line, and a pass over it is worthless," said Mr. Hill.  
"I know it," replied the insistent caller, "but it is customary to honor requests for courtesies. We railway magnates cannot afford to discriminate against each other, and I am sure that you will not do so. It is a matter of regular business, you see, and we ought not to violate any of the regular usages of reputable lines."  
"Yes—perhaps; but don't you see that you have no real railway line? Yours is only a 'jay' freight line about four miles long, beginning at a lumber camp and ending in the town. Only a few men, necessary for farmers' wives more than others to devise ways of producing effect at small cost of time and labor."  
Usually it is well to make articles at once useful and ornamental and of materials that will retain their beauty during their period of usefulness, leaving the frail, perishable finery to such as have unlimited time and means at their disposal. Many persons have made beautiful bedsprads of bleached muslin squares outlined with embroidery, cotton, and very pretty they are, but they required more time than I could well devote to that purpose. Besides, bleached muslin would not be sufficiently durable as a bed in such constant use, and often rough use as the one for which I wanted a cover. It being "mother's bed," and the refuge of the wee ones when tired or cross.  
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"Yes. Cold id of the ears."  
"How a seal next to the widow."  
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**"He is a Brick."**  
The oldest bit of slang which can be traced to a historical origin is said to be "He is a brick." "Pintarch, in his 'Life' of Lycurgus, gives an account of the trial of an ambassador from Epirus to the city of Sparta, who saw much to admire and praise. But he wondered greatly that Sparta was not a walling town, and asked the explanation of its lack of defensive works. No answer was returned that day. Early the next morning, however—for the Spartans rose at dawn—the Epirote was awakened and conducted to the field of exercise outside the city, where the army of Sparta was drawn up in battle array. "There," said Lycurgus, "were the walls of Sparta, and every man is a brick."—Charleston News and Courier.

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