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Two new subway tunnels are being constructed under the Thames.

Kapok, a floss obtained from pods of a tree in Java, is used throughout the world as a material for lifebelts and buoys.

The government recently spent \$25,000 in repairing a temporary office building, damaged by the white ants known as termites.

Natives of Tierra del Fuego are said to endure extreme cold with greater hardihood than even the Eskimos of the north.

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Julius Caesar is said to have made secret memoranda by moving each letter of the alphabet forward four places, using d for a, e for b, etc.

Government tests of 10 brands of hotel chinaware showed that the most durable china was 50 per cent harder than the softest ware.

It is probable that plants bend toward the sun because the tension of their protoplasm is greatest on the side exposed to light.

Young chickens, as well as old, may be infected with tuberculosis and spread it to hogs, according to recent tests.

Better not to know so much than to know so much that is not true.—  
*Josh Billings.*

The color of apples depends upon their nitrogen content, the highest colored fruit having the least.

Fats have more than twice the fuel value of sugar, starch, or protein when digested in the body.

It would take an express train 200 years at full speed without stopping to travel from the earth to the sun.

More than 2,000 years ago, historical records in China were written on bamboo tablets, strung together like a fan.

There is a large bed of pure Epsom salts near Death Valley, California.

Ordinary soft coal after drying consists of about three-fourths carbon.

The jaguar, which has the usual fondness of cats for fish, is an expert fisherman.

Salt mines in the Carpathian Mountains have been worked since the eleventh century.

Opium is gathered from the seed pod of the opium poppy when the petals first unfold.

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