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Today's automobiles carry as many as 13 electric motors.

Annual per capita consumption of paper in the United States is 400 pounds.

Cattle sometimes lose weight because mosquitoes drive them from lush pastures to barren hillsides.

The flat shell of India's window oyster is so translucent it can be used as window glass.

Cotton acreage in cultivation in the United States is the smallest in over 70 years, 14% less than last year, and not much over a third of the area typically planted in the late 1920's.

A disease that affects the entire upper respiratory tract of cattle, sometimes called "red nose," has been increasing steadily since it was first recognized in feeding cattle in Colorado in 1950.

More than 25% of the people who die from tuberculosis come to the attention of health authorities for the first time when death occurs.

Ordinary stop-and-go driving by the average motorist produces more harmful engine deposits than the heavy duty operation of large trucks on mountainous roads.

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