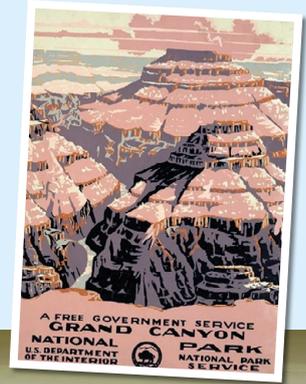


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The **Garamond** type family originated in the 1540s. Claude Garamond based the lower case characters of his most famous type design on the handwriting of Angelo Vergecio, librarian to the French king, Francis I. A Parisian publisher, Garamond introduced the accent, apostrophe and cedilla to the French language in his range of type designs.



First seen by Europeans in 1540, the **Grand Canyon** – in places over a mile deep, and with a width varying from 4 to 18 miles – extends for 277 miles across Arizona. Carved over a period of 17 million years by the 1450 mile long Colorado river, the canyon exposes layer after layer of rock mostly deposited in warm shallow seas and subsequently uplifted almost 3000 feet to form the present day Colorado Plateau.

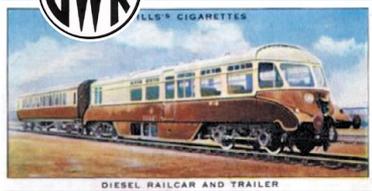


Brainchild of Queen Victoria's consort Prince Albert, the **Great Exhibition of 1851** was a celebration of Britain's dominant role in industrial technology and design. Sited in Hyde Park, the modular Crystal Palace – designed by Joseph Paxton and prefabricated and erected in under nine months – sheltered six million visitors during the six months of the Exhibition; equivalent to one third of Britain's then population. The considerable profits were invested in the educational and cultural establishments of South Kensington: Imperial College, the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Royal College of Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Royal Albert Hall are all clustered around Exhibition Road in an area – satirically nicknamed *Albertopolis* – still influenced by the Exhibition's Royal Commission.

An early screen test – 'His ears are too big and he looks like an ape' – did not deter **Clark Gable**. His best known role, as Rhett Butler in **Gone With The Wind**, earned him



his third nomination for the Academy Award for Best Actor; he won for *It Happened One Night* and was also nominated for *Mutiny on the Bounty*.



G is for ... **Great Western Railway**. Opened in 1838 to link London with the docks at Bristol the GWR was built to unprecedented standards of excellence under the direction of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who was appointed chief engineer



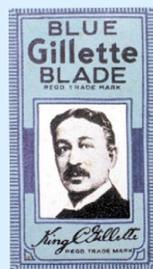
at the age of 29. His technically superior broad gauge of 7 feet was eventually abandoned in favour of the standard gauge of 4'8½". Always innovative, the GWR experimented with economical railcars for suburban and branch-line use, maintained a feeder network of bus routes and were pioneer air-service operators.



'King of Swing', clarinettist and dance band leader **Benny Goodman** was a millionaire by his mid twenties; he later married into the far larger Vanderbilt railroad fortune. In both his orchestra and small group jazz recordings Goodman was a pioneer of racially integrated music-making during the 1930s. Goodman also made distinguished recordings of the classical clarinet repertoire and commissioned new works by Bartok and Copland.



Founded in 1910 as a parallel youth movement to the newly established Boy Scouts, the **Girl Guides** has flourished for 100 years. One in four of all eight-year-old girls in Britain belong to the junior branch – the Brownies.



King Gillette pioneered *freebie marketing* – by virtually giving away his safety razor he guaranteed an endless demand for disposable blades.

