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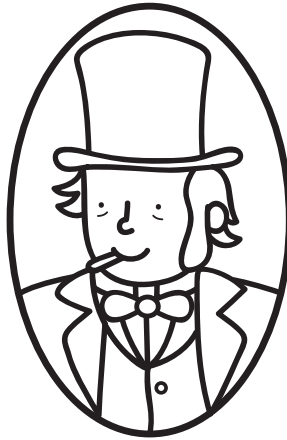
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1843

SS Great Britain was launched. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, she was the longest passenger steam ship in the world from 1845 to 1854. She was also the first iron steamer to cross the Atlantic.



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The first Christmas cards were commissioned by Sir Henry Cole and illustrated by John Callcott Horsely.

Cole had helped introduce the Penny Post three years earlier. Two batches totaling 2,050 cards were printed and sold that year for a shilling each.

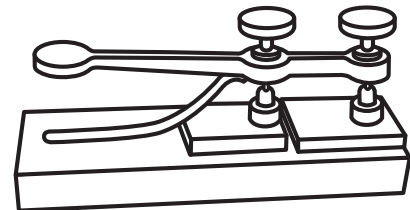


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Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' was published. The book sold out completely in 6 days.

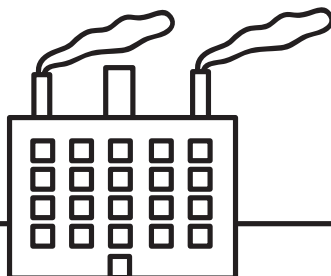


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 Morse Code was invented by American Samuel Morse.

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The Factory Act - Children between the age of 8 and 13 were stopped from working more than 6.5 hours a day.



1844 - 1845

 Railway tracks were built all over Britain.

1845 - 1852

Ireland suffered the Great Potato Famine when entire crops of their staple food were ruined by a plant disease called 'blight'. Many people died or had to migrate as a consequence.

