Year after year we are better equipped to achieve what we are striving for. But what are we striving for? BERTRAND DE JOUVENEL (1903-87)

The consumer is not a moron, she's your wife. DAVID OGILVY (1911-99)

Be regular and orderly in your life, then you can be violent and original in your work. GUSTAVE FLAUBERT

The word JUBILEE comes from the Hebrew YOBHELL

Garnish is edible doily. AA GILL

Sir Philip Sassoon (1888-1939) hauled down his Union Jack in the late afternoon in case the colours clashed with the sunset.

The Earth spins at 1,000 mph & orbits at 66,000 mph. We are travelling at 18.5 miles per second - faster than a bullet.

Ruins are the most persistent form of architecture. JOSEPH BRODSKY

Al Pacino's favourite joke: "Skeleton goes into a bar. Orders a beer and a mop."

In Inuktituk, iminngernaveersaartunngortussaavunga means 'I should try not to become an alcoholic'

20% of American adults urinate in swimming pools.

Laws are like sausages. It's better not to see how they are made - OTTO VON BISMARCK

When diving, seals sometimes swallow stones to help them sink faster.

Wombats have cubic faeces.