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entertained the idea that it was possible to lay one across the Atlantic, which, by the aid of that mighty production of Brunel's, (the Great Eastern steamship), was finally successfully accomplished.

To-day the world is girded round by its ocean cables, and distant continents by their aid brought into instant communication.

This country has, within the past few years, successfully completed its railway through to the Pacific, and along its route runs the telegraph wire, bringing the far west into immediate contact with our trade centres in the east.

Wire for fencing purposes is rapidly taking the foremost place. its enduring qualities, the ease with which it can be erected, its great strength and tidy appearance commend it to our progressive farmers. Many thousands of tons are now made annually and used on this continent, and it has been found the most effective agent in checking the ravages of the rabbit in Australia, and many hundred miles of it have been erected for that purpose there. Many