In the summer of 1900…

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47.

Only 8% of homes had a telephone.

Only 14% of homes had a bathtub and a three minute call from Denver to New York cost $11.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and 144 miles of paved roads.

The average wage in the U.S. was only 22 cents/hour and the average American worker made $200-$400/year.

More than 95% of births took place in the home.

90% of all American doctors had no college education. Instead they attended medical schools that were reportedly "substandard."

Most women washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were 1.Pneumonia and Influenza 2. Tuberculosis 3.Diarrhea 4.Heart Disease 5. Stroke

Drive-by shootings- in which teenage boys galloped down the street and started randomly shooting at houses, carriages, or anything else- was an on-going problem throughout the West.

Las Vegas, Nevada had a population of only 30 people.

Coca-Cola contained cocaine instead of caffeine.

One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6% of Americans graduated from High School.

18% of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant.

There were about 230 reported annual murders… in the entire country.