Entry 4: Text Taken from Pre-AI Literary Source (Single Paragraph)

Source: Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions by Edwin A. Abbott via UIUC (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) Website

http://www.geom.uiuc.edu/~banchoff/Flatland/

Text:

Well, that is just what we see when one of our triangular or other acquaintances comes toward us in Flatland. As there is neither sun with us, nor any light of such a kind as to make shadows, we have none of the helps to the sight that you have in Spaceland. If our friend comes closer to us we see his line becomes larger; if he leaves us it becomes smaller: but still he looks like a straight line; be he a Triangle, Square, Pentagon, Hexagon, Circle, what you will - a straight Line he looks and nothing else. You may perhaps ask how under these disadvantageous circumstances we are able to distinguish our friends from one another: but the answer to this very natural question will be more fitly and easily given when I come to describe the inhabitants of Flatland. For the present let me defer this subject, and say a word or two about the climate and houses in our country.