Towards the one-and-half Ton Computer

"64k ought be enough for anyone"
Bill Gates of Microsoft, 1981

"Computer in the future will weight no more than 1.5 tons"
Popular Mechanics, forecasting advance in science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for may be five computers"
Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"I have traveled the length and breath of this country and
talked with the best people, and I can assure you that
data processing a fad that will not last out the year"
Editor of Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what…. is it good for?"
Engineer at IBM commenting on the microchip, 1968

"There is no reason why anyone would want to have a
computer in their home"
Ken Olson, president of DEC, 1977

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously
considered as a means of communications"
Western Union memo, 1876

"Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?"
H.M. Warner, Warner Bross, 1927

"Heavier-than-air machines are impossible"
President Royal Society, 1885

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value"
Marechal Foch, Professor of Stratety, Ecole Superieure de Guerre

"Louis Pasteur's theory of germs in ridiculous fiction"
Pierre Pached, Professor of Physiology, 1872

"Everything that can be invented has been invented"
Commissioner, US Office of patents, 1899