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## Iron.

Iron is a natural substance found in the earth. Men get it by digging in mines. The characteristics of iron are, that it is opaque or not transparent, fusible for it can be melted, malleable for it can be hammered into sheets and ductile because it can be drawn into wire. It is found in almost all parts of the world. When iron is first taken out of the mines it is mixed with other substances, and then called ore. After it is roasted and melted it is called pig-iron. A great many useful things are made from it that we could not do without, such as

needles knives and forks scissors buttons  
pens and many other things. Further  
could we do without cast iron for stoves  
cartwheels and other things are made  
from it. It takes more time to make  
wrought iron for it has to be stirred un-  
til it is like dough and then it is cooled.  
We could not get along without iron for  
so many things are made out of it  
that could not be made from other things.

Clara L. Guild.  
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