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| **Who invented it?** | **Invention?** | **When?** |
| Thomas Allbutt | Thermometer (medical) | 1867 |
| Ralph Baer | Video games | 1967 |
| John Logie Baird | Television | 1926 (demonstration of moving object televised) |
| Christiaan Barnard | Heart transplants | 1967 |
| Alexander Graham Bell | Telephone | 1876 |
| Karl Benz | Automobile, internal combustion (gasoline-powered) | 1885 (1st patent issued for gas-fuelled car) |
| Charles Best & Frederick Banting | Insulin | 1921 |
| Clarence Birdseye | Frozen food (rapid dry freezing) | 1923 (Birdseye Seafoods est) |
| William A Burt | Typewriter | 1829 (first US patent) |
| Godtfred Kirk Christiansen | Lego | 1955 (registered trademark) |
| W. F. Cooke & Charles Wheatstone | Telegraph | 1837 (patent) 1838 (public demonstration) |
| Paul Cornu | Helicopter (first free, piloted flight) | 1907 |
| Jacques Cousteau | Aqualung | 1943 |
| Francis Crick, James Watson, Rosalind Franklin | DNA (structure) | 1953 |
| Bartolommeo Cristofori | Piano (Hammerklavier) | 1709 |
| George Crum | Potato chips | 1853 |
| Rudolf Diesel | Diesel engine | 1892 (patent for proposed engine) |
| Richard Drew | Adhesive tape, transparent (Scotch tape) | 1930 |
| Philip Drinker | Iron lung | 1929 |
| George Eastmann | Camera (flexible roll film)Photographic film (using celluloid) | 1888 1889 |
| Thomas Alva Edison see also Joseph Swan | Electric light bulb (incandescent filament lamp) (jointly credited with development) Phonograph (commercial) | 1879 (public lighting demonstration in New York) 1878 (patent) |
| George Washington Gale Ferris | Ferris wheel | 1893 |
| Alexander Fleming | Penicillin | 1928 |
| Henry Ford | Mass production assembly line | 1908 |
| Benjamin Franklin | Bifocal lenses | 1784 |
| Rosalind Franklin, Francis Crick, James Watson | DNA (structure) | 1953 |
| Arthur Fry | Post-it note | 1974 |
| Richard Jordan Gatling | Machine gun | 1862 |
| Dorothy Gerber | Baby food (commercial) | 1927 |
| King Camp Gillette | Razor (disposable blade) | 1901 |
| Charles Goodyear | Rubber (vulcanised) | 1839  1844 (patent) |
| Hans Janssen | Microscope (compound) | 1590 |
| Edward Jenner | Smallpox (vaccine) | 1796 (first experiments) |
| Dr John Kellogg | Cornflakes | 1895 |
| Jack Kilby | Calculator (pocket) | 1967 (patent) |
| Ray Kroc | McDonald's restaurant franchise | 1954 |
| J C R Licklider | Internet | 1962 (concept) |
| Ives W McGaffey | Vacuum cleaner | 1869 |
| Italo Marcioni | Ice-cream cone | 1896  1903 (cone mold patented) |
| Johann Gregor Mendel | Genetics | 1866 |
| Georges de Mestral | Velcro | 1948  1957 (patent) |
| John Montagu, Earl of Sandwich | Sandwich | 1762 |
| Joseph-Michel & Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier | Balloon (hot air) | 1783 |
| Samuel Morse | Morse code | 1837 (patent)  1844 (first message) |
| Isaac Newton | Reflecting Telescope | 1668 |
| Joseph Niepce | Photograph (first) | 1826 |
| Alfred Nobel | Dynamite | 1866 |
| Elisha Graves Otis | Elevator (safety) | 1852 |
| Louis Pasteur | Anthrax (vaccine) Cholera (vaccine) Pasteurisation  Rabies (vaccine) | 1881 1880 1864 1885 |
| Pierre Joseph Pelletier & Joseph Bienaime Caventou | Quinine | 1820 |
| Dr John Stith Pemberton | Coca-cola | 1886 |
| Wilhelm Roentgen | X-rays | 1895 |
| Jonas Salk | Polio (vaccine) | 1955 (field trial results announced) |
| Antoine Joseph Sax | Saxophone | 1844  1846 (patent) |
| Jacob Schick | Razor (electric) | 1928 (patent) |
| Isaac Merritt Singer | Sewing machine (domestic, production model) | 1857 |
| Sony | Walkman (personal stereo tape- replayer) | 1979 |
| Levi Strauss | Blue jeans | 1850 |
| Joseph Swan  see also Thomas Alva Edison | Electric light bulb (incandescent filament lamp) (jointly credited with development) | 1878 (patent) |
| Nikolai Tesla | Telegraph (wireless) | 1893 (public demonstration) |
| Richard Trevithick | Steam locomotive | 1804 |
| Earl Tupper | Tupperware (company) | 1938 |
| Johann Waaler | Paper clip | 1899 (patent) |
| Ruth Wakefield | Chocolate chip cookie | 1933 |
| Lewis Edson Waterman | Fountain pen | 1884 |
| James Watson, Rosalind Franklin, Francis Crick | DNA (structure) | 1953 |
| Charles Wheatstone & W.F. Cooke | Telegraph | 1838 |
| Orville & Wilbur Wright | Aeroplane (controlled, engine powered flight) | 1903 |