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BEGIN EVERYDAY WITH A SMILE!

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DID YOU KNOW?



Very few Dutch children know the story of "Pieter", the brave little Dutch boy who stuck his finger in the dike and saved the town from flooding. Apparently this story is entirely an American invention.

Amelia Jenks Bloomer
(1818-1894)

Bloomers were created by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Miller in 1850. Mrs. Bloomer, a feminist in Seneca Falls, NY, wore them in July 1851 and popularized them.

Only in Canada you Say?

What a Pity.

In Manitoba, a murder case had to be stopped in mid-trial when alarming things were discovered about three of the jurors. One was deaf as a post. He admitted to having heard not a word of testimony or evidence and was dismissed.

Observing that such fine points apparently had some meaning, another juror decided to come forward. He admitted that he spoke French but no English language in which the case was being tried and was dismissed.

Then a third juror spoke, saying that

he, too, was deaf, and also without English. A new trial was ordered.

WOW! A 52-year-old woman leaving an ice cream parlour in Albany, NY, was accosted by a man who demanded her purse. Instead of handing it over, according to police sergeant Robert Wolfing, she struck him repeatedly with a hot fudge sundae she was carrying.



The doctor was very honest. On the death certificate, where it said 'cause of death', he signed his name.



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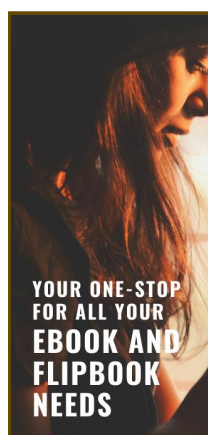
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FROM THE EDITOR

Here we are again this time with spring in the air. I see flowers are poking their heads up from the warmth of the sun and I know I'm getting ahead of myself, but soon we'll see the buds on the trees and then a glorious array of leaves.

Our contributors again have offered up thought-provoking articles, poetry, along with humorous happenings and antics in their lives.

If there is something you would like to share, or comments, please send us an email, we'd love to hear from you.

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TRIVIA

1. What times does Wee Willie Winkle run through the town?
2. How many years are there in four score and seven?
3. What was the date of the first of the 21st century?
4. Which is more tender, the left or right leg of a chicken?
5. What do the initials WCT stand for in tennis?
6. What does the musical term *largo* mean?
7. Babe Ruth hit his first home run at this Canadian baseball park.
8. Which city built Canada's first domed stadium?
9. Which province is well known for its maple syrup?
10. This breed of dog is named for a Canadian province.
11. This Canadian-born actor starred as Tonto in the Lone Ranger.

See Answers. Page 4

S I G N S

Of The Times

Sign in King Arthur's Court: "Enroll now for Knight classes."

Sign where 'learn to fly' is given: "NO crash courses given here."

Sign on a cannibal's hut: "I never met a man I didn't like."

Sign in a crook's hideout: "Be careful! The police are armed and dangerous."

FEARLESS FREDDIE PULLED THE PLUG!

Silvana Burnett saved Freddie, the cross-breed Maltese poodle's life and Freddie returned the favour. Burnett, an asthmatic, was taking a bath, when she started wheezing and started to black out. When she came to, the bathtub was drained and Freddie was jumping on her chest. Freddie had the tub's rubber stopper in his mouth. Burnett bought Freddie for \$50 from a couple who were going to take him to the pound to put him down.



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First prize: \$25 Second Prize: \$15.00 Third Prize: \$10.00

All entries must be post-marked no later than **May 31, 2021** and the winners will be announced June 30, 2021.

The winners will be published in The Chatterbox News.

Entries or information - liz@lizunderhill.com

Believe It Or Not!



Troy Brewster, a pizza delivery person, was robbed by two men brandishing a snapping turtle. "That sucker was gong to bite me. They put him right in my face," said Brewster, who handed over his money pouch with about \$50.



My daughter and her friend came upstairs the other day while I was making up the beds.

"Mommy, can you play with us?" she asked.

"I'm busy right now. What game did you want to play?" I asked.

"Zoo."

"I've never heard of that game before."

"It's really fun," replied my daughter. "We'll pretend that we are the animals, and you can be the nice lady who comes to visit and feed them candy and popcorn."

\$ What a car! I'm gonna call it \$
\$ FLATTERY 'cause' it \$
GETS ME NOWHERE!

A little insight....

Life is short, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that made you smile. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we could dance.

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Soup ta Nuts Fish Baiting Instructions

Spring is here! Fishing time! My Clem and I were out for a Sunday drive, and there were all the fishing wannabees, with poles lying on the dock, string in the water, and sipping on something from a bottle, and that bottle didn't look like pop.

I watched to see my first fish captured for this year, but no such luck. The only thing caught, I am thinking, is a good hard snag of the blues.

I saw men gesturing, with wide sweeps of their arms, like the big one just got away. I was about to yell at them, and lecture about telling the truth, that the squiggly thing in the water was only their dilapidated worm. Clem clamped on to my arm and told me to leave them alone and let them have their fun. He said that sometimes that was all a man had was his wishful dreams.

It got me to thinking, perhaps they don't know how to fish properly. Maybe it is the bait they use and not that the fish just aren't biting, or got away.

I have fished for many a year, so I thought I'd give some fish-baiting instructions in the hopes that the next time old Clem and myself go on our travels we will get to see the one that didn't get away. By the way, when you do catch a fish, please give me all the credit. Thank you.

Here goes:

1. Decide if you want to bait with worms or minnows.
2. Purchase the desired bait, if you don't like playing in the dirt, or can't catch those slimy little boogers.
3. Imagine what fancy, colourful thing dancing by you in the water, would make you flip your gills with the wanting of it, then choose a hook with gizmo like that on it.
4. Perhaps you might want to purchase

a bobber; those red and white balls attached to the string that the hook is attached to. That way you can get clued in when you have a bite, before the darn fish whips the entire pole out of your hand when he/she torpedoes away with your bait.

5. Now you have to bait the hook. If you decide to use a minnow, you have to get the hook, and try to put it through the cute little nipper's lips. Make sure to hold tight because I don't imagine it will welcome that piercing feeling especially with no pain pills.

6. If you can't stand to see the pain in those eyes, then try worms. Picture a snake slithering along the ground, and that is how you have to make them look on the hook. I don't know if you have to start at the head or the hind end, or if it even matters. You will have to decide. I've studied those darn things and both ends seem to move at the same time and wiggle the same way. So you could flip a coin - heads or tails!

7. If you get sick with all of this, I would suggest you just pitch the line into the water with a naked hook, and hope you come up with a blind trout, or forget it all.

8. Better still, buy some trout or whatever kettle of fish you want on your plate, throw them on a barbeque while you relax in a lounge chair with a glass of your favourite beer. Now that I think of it, maybe that's what those wannabees were doing when Clem and I were out.

Ms. Klara

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA - page 2

1. Eight o'clock
2. Eight-seven
3. Jan. 1, 2001
4. Left
5. World Champ Tennis
6. Slowly
7. Maple Leaf Park
8. Vancouver
9. Quebec
10. Newfoundland
11. Jay Silverheels

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FOR YOUR HEALTH Remedies?

Feel sick? These are curious remedies from history.

Powdered deer antlers are sometimes used to restore virility.

Rhino horn is an aphrodisiac: its urine is said to restore youth and the hoof cures fevers.

Tigers do everything. The fur cures fevers; the brain, apathy (and acne when mixed with oil); the tail, skin ailments; the whiskers, when mixed in a potion will protect you from bullets.

Editor's Note: I don't think I would say goodbye to your doctor just yet.

Happy Easter



There was a German acrobatic team performing on high trapezes that consisted of mother and two sons who threw her and caught her as she flew through the air above the circus arena. One night, one of the boys missed. He turned to his brother and said "Look, Hans, no Ma."

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Oliver's Tips

Scrubbing stove. Don't scratch. Use baking soda.

Washing fleece toys. Wash in pillow case. Dry in pillow case.

Tangling yarn. Keep yarn tangle-free with Net Veggie Bags. Different colours—pull piece of yarn through hole.

Drying rack for small articles. Sew spring paper clips to tape on an ordinary clothes hanger.

Silence a creaking chair. Heat some fish glue and pour a little of it into the creaking joint.

Cleaning windows. Vinegar/H₂O—1/3c. vinegar and 3/4 c. H₂O.

Bar-B-Q TIPS



At this time of the year many now are activating the bar-bee, only to find the propane flow is very slow to none. The problem occurs because many of the newer, rechargeable tanks have opening valves that do not open properly when turned on too fast! With your Barby valves all fully closed, turn on the tank VERY SLOWLY. Then try starting the flame. No flame at all? Perhaps your tank has drained off over the winter months. Most folks have a spare tank, and by comparing the weight of each, you can tell if there is a portion of your tank still loaded. I know our cold season is over, however, remember that you have to let the bar-bee get good and hot in cold, freezing weather, before you attempt to sizzle that burger or steak! Good Bar-B-Queuing.
C.Coulter.

Editor's Note: That all seems to be a lot of trouble for a slab of meat. Just build yourself a wee fire in the snow and cook and keep warm at the same





Hi Folks. By popular request...here is my speaking your truth from out among the stars. If this doesn't suit your fancy, please don't blame me, it came streaming to me one night, when I was having a night cap.

APRIL

If your birthday is this month. Whenever possible, meet people in a relaxing setting. After a few drinks, they won't know the difference between another of your hair-brained ideas or the ones you try to pass off on the, that you call innovative. ARIES - Mar. 21—Apr. 19

If you can remain objective when dealing with squabbling relatives, you can clean up big time. You can get all the booty before they can figure out it was you who started all the squabbling in the first place.

TAURUS - Apr. 20—May 20

Focus your attention on recent financial developments. Those funny cheques you sent out recently are bound to come bouncing back to you at an alarming rate.

GEMINI - May 21-June 20

Higher-ups are appraising your work. Remember you are fit to shine their shoes.

CANCER - June 21—July 22

If caught in the crossfire, don't take sides, maintain an independent stance. At the right angle, it will go right through the hole between your ears.

LEO - July 23—Aug. 22

A generous host, you wish that guests would reciprocate. Will you ever get the

hint? You still haven't fixed your friend's broken window from your last spoiled outburst.

VIRGO - Aug. 23—Sept. 22

A hobby may have commercial potential. I am sure if you carefully wrap your couch potato in Saran wrap and put him/her out on the lawn, people would flock to your door just to purchase it for a matched set.

LIBRA - Sept. 23—Oct. 22

Rise above your critical nature. Everyone has shortcomings. Be kind. Not everyone has the nerve to expose themselves like you do.

SCORPIO—Oct. 23—Nov. 21

Avoid throwing your weight around at a place of employment. Simply walking it there on your own two calloused, pigeon-toed feet will suffice.

SAGISTARIUS - Nov. 22—Dec. 21

Relationships thrive on honesty and consideration. Maybe that's why you're crying alone in your beer. You've never given honesty a consideration.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22—Jan. 19

Analyze past triumphs for clues to their success. You realize there haven't been many successes, but your triumph would be to try something for once in your life.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 20—Feb. 18

Do not be afraid to show your sensitive side. Who will notice any way? I promise your friends know the real cranky you, and they'll pass this unusual behaviour off as stress.

PICES - FEB. 19—Mar. 20

Keep your feet on the ground. The last time you decided to jig around the office, everyone noticed those unsightly holes in your socks and discussed sending you off to Dr. Scholl.



Miss Klara



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Count Your Blessings

In keeping with the mission of The Chatterbox News, we would like you, our readers, to send us your story of something that has happened in your life that you feel has been a blessing or that you can be thankful for.

Out of the midst of calamity, there is also good to be found. We here, at The Chatterbox News would like to hear what you have to be thankful for. Liz Underhill

Dear Liz

I want to say that I find your paper a blessing. I am thankful that you publish this and give us each a smile and thoughts to ponder throughout our day. Keep up the good work. Who says "good news" won't sell? Do you have plans to publish more than once a month? *Mike J. Thamesford*

Editor's Note: Hi Mike - Yes...hopefully later in the year. Thank you for your kind words.

Dear Liz

I am so thankful to be home here in Canada. I just got back from a mission in Katrina. We are so blessed here. Rarely do we get wind forces that they experienced down there and usually experience every year. I was grateful to put my feet on Canadian soil and will never complain about our country again. *Jim H. London*

Dear Liz

I want to mention the great winter we had at least in southern Ontario. Usually I get stuck indoors due to the inclement weather, and now Covid, but this year I got out walking on most days. My friends who travelled down south had many a cold day and I got to stay here and experience all the wonderful changing seasons. We are fortunate in that way. *Lynda S. St. Thomas*

THE AMAZING CUCUMBER

This information was in The New York Times several weeks ago as part of their "Spotlight on the Home" series that highlighted creative and fanciful ways to solve common problems.



1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day, just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.

2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.

3. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror, it will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.

4. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.

5. Looking for a fast and easy way to remove cellulite before going out or to the pool? Try rubbing a slice or two of cucum-

bers along your problem area for a few minutes, the phytochemicals in the cucumber cause the collagen in your skin to tighten, firming up the outer layer and reducing the visibility of cellulite. Works great on wrinkles too!!!

6. Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache!!

7. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explorers for quick meals to thwart off starvation.

8. Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe, its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.

9. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

10. Stressed out and don't have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water, the chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

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THE AMAZING CUCUMBER

11. Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

12. Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks and won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.

13. Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing, also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!

From The Editor: I don't know if this is valid, but I will never look at a cucumber quite the same.



A man was driving a black truck. His lights were not on. The moon was not out. A lady was crossing the street. How did the man see her?
The sun was out.

How did the man feel when he got a big bill from electric company?
He was shocked.

THE KID'S CORNER

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade children to the following questions:

Why did God make Mothers?

She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.

Mostly to clean the house.

To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make Mothers?

He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.

Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.

God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are Mothers made of?

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your Mother and not some other mom?

We were related.

God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your Mom?

My Mom has always been my Mom and none of that other stuff.

I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

They say she used to be nice.

What did Mom need to know about Dad before she married him?

His last name.

She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?

Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your Mom marry your Dad?

My Dad makes the best spaghetti in the world, and my Mom eats a lot.

She got too old to do anything else with him.

My Grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's such a goof ball.

Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

Happy Easter

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