

# Trivia

The electronics company Samsung also makes oil tankers and armored vehicles.

In 1927 a three-minute phone call across the Atlantic cost \$25 – the equivalent of about \$350 today.

Freckles caused by sun damage are called "lentiginos." The freckles you are born with are called "ephelides."

*Despicable Me* minions were inspired by a *Looney Tunes* cartoon in which Tweety Bird drinks potion and turns into a monster.

Globe skimmer dragonflies have a migration pattern of almost 9,000 miles from India to East Africa.

Andrew Jackson was featured on the ten dollar bill in 1914 until Alexander Hamilton replaced him in 1929. Jackson was moved to the twenty dollar bill in 1928.

QVC sold its first product, an AM/FM shower radio for \$11.25. They sold about 657 radios that day.

Okilly Dokilly is a Ned Flanders-themed heavy metal band. Ned is a fictional character from *The Simpsons*.

The first ice skates were made of animal bones.

Woodhull, Claflin and Company was the first Wall Street firm run by females.

England's first public toilet, opened in 1852, was for men only. (A ladies' room opened nine days later.)

American Idol's Simon Cowell worked on the film *The Shining*. His job: Polishing Jack Nicholson's axe.

Real pineapples were so rare in the 1800s that cheese shaped like a pineapple was a popular housewarming gift.

In the Revolutionary War, "Agent 711" of the Cupler spy ring was none other than George Washington.

The Bible has been translated into all three *Star Trek* languages (Vulcan, Romlan, and Klingon).

*(Uncle John's Old Faithful Bathroom Reader)*

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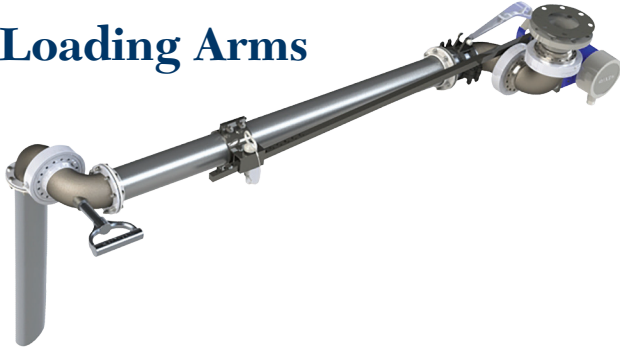
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# Dates in History

- 1398** On December 17th, Amir Timur (Tamerlane) set camels loaded with wood and hay alight and charged them at the armored elephants of Sultan Nasir-u Din Mehmud's armies. Faced with the strange spectacle of camels flying straight at them with flames leaping from their backs, the elephants turned around and stampeded back toward their own lines. Timur capitalized on the disruption and secured an easy victory. As a result, Delhi was sacked and left in ruins.
- 1409** Leipzig University, in the Free State of Saxony, Germany, is one of the world's oldest universities. The university was founded on December 2nd by Frederick I, Elector of Saxony and his brother William II, Margrave of Meissen. Since its inception, the university has engaged in teaching and research for over 600 years without interruption.
- 1791** At the University of Pennsylvania, the first U.S. law school was established on December 15th. The school traces its origins to a series of lectures delivered by James Wilson, a signer of the United States Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution.
- 1854** On December 9th, *The Examiner* printed Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade," which commemorates the courage of 600 British soldiers charging a heavily defended position during the Battle of Balaklava, in the Crimea, six weeks earlier.
- 1941** On December 25th, Bing Crosby introduced "White Christmas" to the world, written by the formidable composer and lyricist Irving Berlin. The song received its world premier on Bing Crosby's weekly NBC radio program in The Kraft Music Hall.

# On the Lighter Side

- Why do tigers have stripes?  
So they aren't spotted.
- Who is the highest ranking official in a cornfield?  
The kernel.
- Want to hear a Boy Scout joke?  
Never mind. I wasn't prepared.
- What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?  
Chill out.
- What will happen in the next year?  
How should I know? I don't have 2020 vision!
- How many sides does a circle have?  
Two: An inside and an outside.
- Why are stars terrible at staring contests?  
Because they're always blinking.
- What kind of tree fits in your hand?  
A palm tree.
- A Boy Scout went around his neighborhood looking for a job. One neighbor said, "I'll pay you \$20 to paint my porch." The Scout agreed and went to work. A few hours later, the Scout knocked on the neighbor's door and said, "I'm all finished, but your car is a Mercedes, not a Porche."
- What was the witch's favorite subject in school?  
Spelling.
- What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?  
"That hit the spot."
- What is a cell's favorite piece of clothing?  
Genes.
- How do you make a hotdog stand?  
Take away its chair.