

Trivia

If you had \$1 million in one-cent coins - 100 million of them - it would weigh 246 tons.

The first reference to "millionaire" appears in Vivian Grey, a novel written in 1826 by British author Benjamin Disraeli: "Were I the son of a millionaire, or a noble, I might have all."

The average bill is meant to take up to 4000 folds in each direction before it rips. Why's it so strong? Currency paper is 25% linen, making it rip-resistant.

The Swedish ten-daler copper coins of 1644 weighed 43 pounds 7 ounces.

The Romanian ten-bani notes of 1917 had a printed area of just 1.6 x 1.5 inches.

In 1997, a total of 12,194,723,000 coins were minted in the U.S.

\$1 million in \$1 bills would weigh exactly 1 ton and if you put them in a pile, it would be 361 ft high.

The first coins were staters, minted in Lydia (now Turkey), from 680 to 645 BC. Their value depended upon their weight.

Paper money was invented by the Chinese in the tenth century.

The Diners Club card issued in the U.S. in 1950 was the first credit card. It enabled the first 200 members to eat on credit at 27 New York restaurants.

\$1 million in \$100 bills would weigh only 22lbs.

Salmon P. Chase, the 25th US Secretary of the Treasury under Abe Lincoln, was once featured on the U.S. \$10,000 bill.

The clock on Independence Hall reads 4:10 on the back of the U.S. \$100 bill.

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Dates in History

1512 On November 1, the majestic ceiling frescoes adorning Rome's Sistine Chapel were unveiled to the public. Painted by a rising young sculptor named Michelangelo, they remain one of the Italian Renaissance's most iconic masterpieces, with 5 million neck-craning tourists peering at their beauty each year.

1675 Nov. 11th, German mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz demonstrates integral calculus for the first time to find the area under the graph of $y = f(x)$ function. Holding an integral place in the history of mathematics and philosophy, Leibniz was responsible for the creation of differential and integral calculus, along with Isaac Newton.

1763 Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon begin surveying the Mason-Dixon Line between Pennsylvania and Maryland on November 15 and finished four years later. It is still a demarcation line among four U.S. states, forming part of the borders of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia (originally part of Virginia before 1863).

1792 Benjamin Banneker, mathematician and astronomer, was most famous for his widely published Farmer's Almanacs (1792-1797) for which he calculated the daily locations of stars and planets and accurately forecast lunar and solar eclipses. His almanacs also included opinion pieces, literature, and medical and tidal information.

1956 The Nat King Cole Show debuted November 5th on NBC, the first variety program to be hosted by an African-American. The show ended about a year later on December 17, 1957, due to lack of national sponsorship.

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On the Lighter Side

The checkout clerk at the supermarket was unusually cheerful even though it was near closing time. "You must have picked up a ton of groceries today," a customer said to the checker. "How can you stay so pleasant?"

"We can all count our blessings," the clerk replied. "The hardest part of this job is the turkeys and the watermelons. I just thank God that Thanksgiving doesn't come in July."

Dad rarely dresses up, so when he left the bedroom decked out in a suit and tie, he wanted to commemorate the moment. Handing me a camera, he asked, "Mind taking a selfie of me?"

I'm driving with this guy, and he runs right through a Stop sign. So I say, "Hey, that was a Stop sign." And he says, "I drive like my brother!"

A few blocks later, he plows right through a red light. I say, "You just ran a red light." And he says, "I drive like my brother!"

So now we're coming up on a green light, and he slows down. I'm confused, so I say, "It's green; why are you slowing down?"

He says, "My brother might be coming."

The water I was heating for pasta refused to boil, and if my 12-year-old son was right, I wasn't helping by constantly checking on it.

"It's like that old saying," he said. "A watched website never loads."

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