

Miscellaneous

FEMALE PRAYER

Before I lay me down to sleep,
I pray for a man, who's not a creep.
One who's handsome, smart and strong.
One who loves to listen long.
One who thinks before he speaks.
When he says he'll call, he won't wait weeks.
I pray that he is gainfully employed.
When I spend his cash, he won't be annoyed.
Pulls out my chair and opens my door.
Massages my back and begs to do more.
Oh! Send me a man who'll make love to my mind,
Knows what to answer to "how big is my behind?"
I pray that this man will love me to no end,
And never attempt to hit on my friend. Amen.

MALE PRAYER

I pray for a deaf-mute nymphomaniac with huge boobs
who owns a liquor store and a boat. Amen.

TISSUE PAPER - NEW OR USED?

After Christmas Julie can be found ironing tissue paper to re-use another day in the gift bags. Julie also saves Christmas bows each year.....everyone opening presents at Cerny's house knows that Grandma has a bag ready to hold the bows. That's okay as Brother Dan saves the Christmas wrap to use another day. And that's okay because our Mother did the same thing!!!

Good Soap

6 pounds lard or tallow (rendered)	1/4 C. Ammonia
4 Tbsp. Sugar	1 can lye dissolved
1 tsp. Salt	in 1 1/2 qt. water
2 tbsp. Powdered Borax	

After lye is dissolved stir in all other ingredients and let stand until cool. Put on stove, add soft water and cut up pieces of lard. As these pieces heat they will dissolve. Keep adding soft water until it is very soapy and thick. This will take a large dish pan as it makes a lot of soap.

This is not Grandma Wilma's recipe. Grandma Wilma used to make the soap all the time. I loved the smell of the soap. She cut the soap into little oblong pieces a little larger than a bar of bought soap. We stored the soap in the upstairs part of the house on the farm. I remember a few times when Mother washed Dan & Dave's

mouth out with soap. I'm sure a bad word came flying out! The mouth washing with soap episodes came after the home made soap days as Dan thought Mom used green Palmolive!!!

Jaternice

Wilma Sukup

1 hog head
1 liver of hog.
1 heart of hog
3 loaves old bread
salt to taste (1/4 cup)
garlic to taste (1-6 buds, crushed)

1 tsp. Allspice
1 tsp. Ginger
1 tsp. Cloves
1 tsp. Nutmeg
2 tsp. Black pepper

Clean head of hog well. Use tongue and all other meat that can be taken off. In a large kettle, cook (along with the heart) until tender. In separate kettle, cook liver until done (won't take as long). Put all cooked meats through food chopper; crush or grind dry bread, and mix together with meat and enough of the broth to make a good consistency.

Add the spices, mix well and stuff into casings to be frozen or you can use other freezer containers. Heat well before serving. Yields: about 3 to 4 gallons.

We used to make Jaternice on the farm and we used the casings which are the guts of the pig. But I think we got them from the meat market....they were white and long. We had a meat sausage stuffer that worked like a grinder. We attached the casing to one end of the grinder and put the mixture in the top and it filled the casing. In the end it looked like the kielbasa sausage that you buy today, but a whitish color. We ate the jaternice as a breakfast meat. It was served with pancakes or eggs. We grew up with it and our whole family liked it. It was kinda gross to see that hog head in a big kettle on the stove!!!!

Homemade Ice Cream

Wilma Sukup

4 eggs beaten
1 1/2 C. Sugar
2 Tbsp. Vanilla
4 1/2 C. Milk
Cream to fill freezer

Our ice cream maker made 3 quarts of ice cream. After the insert was filled with the ingredients, we crushed ice and rock salt around the edges of the canister and we would begin cranking. It probably took about 1/2 hour or so to make the ice cream. The ice cream was finished when the crank turned hard. After the ice cream was finished we took out the paddle, put the lid back on and covered the whole bucket with an old blanket to keep the ice cream frozen. We would sometimes fight over who got to lick-off that paddle!!! It was the best ice cream ever and was the consistency of a soft-serve Dairy Queen. It was so-o- cold that we sometimes got a headache if we ate it too fast. Mother would make a homemade chocolate syrup that was wonderful.

Birth stones

January

Garnet

February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

Amethyst
Aquamarine
Diamond
Emerald
Pearl
Ruby
Sardonyx
Sapphire
Opal
Topaz
Turquoise

Birth Flowers

January	Snowdrop or Carnation
February	Primrose or Violet
March	Jonquil or Daffodil
April	Daisy or Sweet Pea
May	Hawthorn or Lily of the Valley
June	Rose or Honeysuckle
July	Larkspur or Water Lily
August	Poppy or Gladiolus
September	Aster or Morning Glory
October	Cosmos or Dahlia
November	Chrysanthemum
December	Holly or Poinsettia

Anniversaries

First		Paper
Second	Cotton	
Third	Linen	
Fourth	Silk	
Fifth	Wood	
Sixth	Iron	
Seventh	Copper	
Eighth	Bronze	
Ninth	Pottery	
Tenth	Tin	
Twenty	Crystal	
Twenty-five	Silver	
Thirty	Pearl	
Thirty-five	Coral	
Forty	Ruby	
Forty -five	Sapphire	
Fifty	Gold	
Fifty-five	Emerald	
Sixty	Diamond	

Sixty-five Diamond
Seventy-five Diamond

We moved to Madison, NE in 1986 and our neighbors across the street were Richard and Magdalen Pfeifer. We always enjoyed them as neighbors and knowing their family through church activities. In February 2004, Richard and Magdalen Pfeifer celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary. They later lived at St. Joseph Nursing home in Norfolk and they were very special neighbors. Richard passed away in October of 2004 at the age of 97. Magdalen passed away in the spring of 2005.

Household hints

Polish & Buff Shoes: Create a good shine on your shoes by rubbing them with the inside of a banana peel. Then buff them with a pair of pantyhose.

Silverware Cleaner: Run about a quart of hot water into your kitchen or bathroom sink. Dissolve 1 tablespoon water softener and 1 tablespoon salt in the water. Place a sheet of aluminum foil on the bottom of the sink then place your tarnished silver on top of the foil. If badly tarnished, rub the item with a cloth after removing from water.

Lipstick Stain: To get rid of a lipstick stain cover it with hair spray. Then scrub with a bar of soap. After that rinse it with cold water.

Wine Stains: Get red wine stains out of a white tablecloth by soaking it in 1 tablespoon of borax and 2 cups warm water.

Note: Borax should be found in the laundry soap section of the grocery.

Canker sore in mouth?

Mix equal parts of Milk of Magnesia and Benadryl together. Stir together. Swish n' Spit! Just swish around in mouth and spit it out. Do this about three times a day and the sore is gone!!

A tip from Grandma Wilma's book

Letter of laughter: In reply to the woman's query of whether she can use a tea bag over and over again, I once heard of a man who used the same tea bag 86 times! Then he slit it open and used the remaining tea leaves for snuff. Finally he sold the bag to a midget for a table napkin. He suffered no ill after effects.

A tip from Grandma Wilma's book

Dear Heloise: Those small yellow plastic (barrel-like) mustard jars are very handy to keep bleach in. I keep one of these plastic jars near my sink and when I have to bleach my sink all I do is just squeeze the bottle directly in the sink or squeeze some of the bleach on my sponge and it works like magic. Saves picking up the heavy bottle each time.

Heloise answers: Gals, be sure and keep bleach ammonia, floor waxes, furniture polish, etc. etc. out of the reach of small children. AND when you pour anything out of one bottle into another one be sure to LABEL IT!

This reply from Heloise is very important. When Dee came back from Connecticut in 1986 we lived in Bradshaw and the girls had their bedrooms in the basement along with storage area room and laundry room. We put some *liquid bug killer* in a gallon jar that at one time had apple juice. We did not remove the label and put it on the storage shelf in the basement. Dee was 19 years old and took a swig!! She noticed the awful taste immediately. We called Dr. Thomas, the family doctor and he wasn't sure what to do, so here we are calling the Atlanta, GA . Poison Control Number to find out about our 19 year old kid that took a swig of *liquid bug killer*. So, be sure to remove the labels from jugs and re-label what is really in the jug!!! They told us to watch her for any vomiting or sickness. Thankfully, everything was fine.

A tip from Grandma Wilma's book

Dear Heloise: When having a party for children and you have a clear sliding glass doors in your house, you can use balloons and tape them to the glass doors. This prevents the children from walking through the glass....which can be mighty dangerous. The balloons are decorative, too.

Heloise answers: Ladies, do you know that balloons (after they are blown up) can be rubbed on anything wool, such as a wool rug or skirt or slacks, and static electricity will be generated? The balloons will then stick to ceilings or walls for your party! 'Tis so....we do it every year and the children love it. Besides, it saves the mess of cleaning up scotch tape or glue.

This little hint is not only for children. We were visiting Brother Frank and Betty in Michigan one time and Gene walked right through the screen door. Thankfully it wasn't the glass sliding door also. Brother Frank relayed that there have been others that went through his screen door including a dog!!! Gene only had a scraped nose and we all had a good laugh!! Frank had to fix the screen!!!

A tip from Grandma Wilma's book

Do you hate to wash your car? Don't worry, we all do! But we have found an easy way from one of our readers whose method I have been using three years now. It's really a quickie and also completely satisfactory. Pour one cup kerosene into a bucket of warm water and mix. The bucket should hold at least one gallon of water. Dip

a clean sponge into the mixture and slightly squeeze it out. Start at top of car and using a circular motion go all over the car. Then take an old bath towel and just gently wipe the car from top to bottom. That's all there is to it!

How Grandma Wilma used to measure

Grandma stretched the ribbon
From her finger to her nose
And said "There is a yard of it,
A good yard, I suppose."

I've tried this and it's pretty close!!! Grandma Wilma used to do this all the time. Whenever she was making curtains or whatever, she would measure the fabric with her nose and arm stretched as far as it would go!!

A tip from Grandma Wilma's book

Dear Heloise: I am one of your fans - a daily reader and recorder of useful hints. So, when I saw the suggestion on how to cure your hiccups by having someone cover your ears, I was interested as I have done this since childhood with unfailing success. But - there's an easier way to do this as you may not always have someone around to cover your ears. Just fill a not-too-heavy glass with water - not too full to handle easily. Pick this up with both hands, near the top, bring it to your lips. Before sipping, press your thumbs against your "ear flaps" (not lobes) to close the air passages. Then, voila! Three sips and, all by yourself, you have conquered the hiccups!

A tip from Grandma Wilma's book

Dear Heloise: Do you know an easy way to remove the sticky labels and the glue residue from plastic or glass?

Heloise answers: Yep! Just spray those pesky price stickers with a pre-wash spray or rub them with baby oil. Go on about your housecleaning or whatever and, in about an hour or so, come back and pull the labels away slick as a whistle! Now about the glue residue.....Sprinkle some dry cornmeal, talcum powder or some such on the glue and rub the spot with a dry cloth. You should be finished with that little problem once and for all.

Homemade Baby Wipes

1 roll Bounty paper towels or strongest ones you can find

1 Rubbermaid cylinder container - #3

2 C. Water

2 Tbsp. Baby Magic Baby Bath

2 Tbsp. Baby Oil.

Cut paper towel roll in half with a serrated knife. Mix water, Baby Bath and Baby Oil. Pour in rubbermaid container. Put one-half roll of towels in container. Cover container and turn upside-down and let set until towels are saturated. Remove

cardboard from center and use towels from center of roll.

Kris and Pat made these wipes for Claire and Sean and Doug and Angie made these Baby Wipes throughout Cameron's Diapers Days Life. Caleb is also using these baby wipes. Gina and Scott also made these wipes for Mallory, Megan and Gracie.

Small Sweet Pickles **Wilma Van Brocklin Sukup**

Wash small pickles. Scald with hot water for 6 days. On day 7 scald with 2 T Salt and put in a 2 gallon crock jar. On 8th day wash the pickles and slice lengthwise and make syrup. Syrup: 2 C. Sugar, 1 C. Vinegar, 1/4 tsp. Turmeric, 1 T. Mixed Spices, 1 tsp. Celery seed and bring to boil. Add a pinch of alum to each jar. For a 2 gallon jar triple the syrup mixture. Add hot pickles and syrup to jars and seal with lids.

Dave and Dan remember when they were dehorning calves one time on the farm. One of the calves went into shock and died in the chute. There was a butcher that happen to come that day from Osmond. He was planning to go fishing at the pond. The butcher said that they may as well butcher the calf, so they got the tractor and loader and did it on the spot. Dave and Dan says that the meat was adrenalin contaminated and didn't taste good.

Old Fashioned Pickle Chips

**4 quarts medium sized cucumbers
6 medium onions
1 green pepper
1 red pepper
1/3 C. Pickling salt
2 trays ice cubes**

Scrub the cucumbers and slice thin. Slice onions and cut the peppers in strips. Mix with the cucumber slices. Sprinkle with salt and mix through vegetables. Mix one tray of ice cubes through vegetables and spread the other tray of cubes on top. Let stand 3 hrs. Drain. Syrup: 3 C. Vinegar, 5 C. Sugar, 1 1/2 tsp. Celery seed, 2 Tbsp. Mustard seed and 1 1/2 tsp. Turmeric. Mix syrup ingredients together and bring to boil. Fill hot sterilized jars with cucumber mixture and ladle hot syrup into jars. Seal. Makes 8 pints.

Home Cook Book - Belonging to Mrs. S. F. de Lorimir dated December 1, 1876 and given to her from her sister Caroline of Clayton, IA.

Mrs. Sarah Frances de Lorimier is Grandma Wilma's Great Grandmother. After Mary Hodges died, her mother Mrs. Sarah Frances de Lorimier helped raise Grandma Wilma's Mother Sarah Hodges and her siblings. Frank Hodges the Father of Sarah died a few months before Sarah and William Van Brocklin were married. Mrs. Sarah Frances de Lorimier has her name on the wedding announcement announcing the wedding of Sarah and William. Mary Hodges and Sarah Van Brocklin both died very young and left young children. Grandma Wilma had mentioned to me that she hoped and prayed that she would live long enough to see her children raised. I am so very glad that she lived long enough to see her children, grand kids and some of the great grand kids raised. I still miss her.

Utensils needed in the kitchen of a small family (1876)

Wooden Ware: Kitchen Table; Wash Bench; Wash Tubs, (three sizes); Wash Board; Skirt Board; "Bosom Board"; Bread Board; Towel Roll; Potato Masher; Wooden Spoons; Clothes Stick; Flour Barrel Cover; Flour Sieve; Chopping Bowl; Soap Bowl; Pails; Lemon Squeezer; Clothes Wringer; Clothes Bars; Clothes Pins; Clothes Baskets; Mop and Wood Boxes, (nests).

I wonder what a Bosom Board is!?!?

Tin Ware: One Boiler for Clothes; one Boiler for Ham; one Bread pan; two Dish Pans; one Preserving Pan; four Milk Pans; two Quart Basins; two Pint Basins; two quart covered Tin Pails; one four-quart covered Tin Pail; Sauce Pans with covers, two sizes; two Tin Cups with handles; four Jelly Molds, (half-pint); two Pint Molds for rice, blancmange, etc.; one Skimmer; two Dippers, different sizes; two Funnels, (one for jug and one for cruets); one quart measure, also, pint, half-pint and gill measures, (they should be broad and low as they are more easily kept clean); three Scoops; Bread Pans; two round Jelly Cake Pans; and two long Pie Pans; One Coffee Pot; one Tea Steeper; one Colander; one Steamer; one Horse Radish Grater; one Nutmeg Grater; one small Salt Sieve; one Hair Sieve for straining jelly; one Dover's Egg Beater; One Cake Turner; one Cake Cutter; one Apple corer; one Potato Cutter; one dozen Muffin Rings; one Soap Shaker; Ice Filter; Flour Dredge; Tea Canister; Coffee Canister; Cake, Bread, Cracker and Cheese Boxes; Crumb Tray and Dust Pans. Also listed is Iron ware including the range and stoneware including crocks of various sizes and brushes.

Home Cook book - 1876

Some of the recipes are very different: How about "EELS"?

You skin and parboil them; cleanse the back bone of all coagulations; cut them in pieces about three inches in length; dip in flour and cook in pork fat, brown.

Home Cook Book - 1876

There are lots of recipes for oysters. Creamed oysters,

Panned oysters, Escalloped Oysters, Oyster Pie, Oyster Patties, Pickled Oysters and Macaroni with Oysters.

I'll give these recipes to Brothers Dan and Dave as they like oysters!

Bread Pudding - Recipe from 1876 cook book

Soak a pint of bread crumbs in milk for an hour, then squeeze with the hands to a pulp and mix well with a gill of milk, then add three tablespoons of sugar, one-quarter pound raisins, one-quarter pound of melted butter, and the yolks of four eggs; then beat the whites of the eggs to a froth and mix with the rest; turn the mixture into a dish and bake about forty minutes. Serve with wine sauce, hot or cold, according to taste.

This sounds pretty good. What's a "gill of milk"??

The Home Cook Book - 1876 Sick Remedies

To Restore from Stroke of Lightning: Shower with cold water for two hours; if the patient does not show signs of life, put salt in the water, and continue to shower an hour longer.

I think the first two hours of shower would be enough!!

The Home Cook Book - 1876 Sick Remedies

Egg Gruel: Boil eggs from one to three hours until hard enough to grate; then boil new milk and thicken with the egg, and add a little salt. Excellent in case of nausea.

You got to be kidding!!!!

The Home Cook Book - 1876 Sick Remedies

For Sore Throat: Cut sliced of salt pork or fat bacon; simmer a few moments in hot vinegar, and apply to throat as hot as possible. When this is taken off, as the throat is relieved, put around a bandage of soft flannel. A gargle of equal parts of borax and alum, dissolved in water, is also excellent. To be used frequently.

I think the borax and alum might be pretty nasty!

The Home Cook Book - 1876 Sick Remedies

Cure for Summer Complaint: Two ounces tincture rhubarb, one of paregoric, one-half of essence of peppermint, one-half of essence of Annis, one-half of prepared chalk. Dose for adult,

one teaspoon in a little water; take as often as needed.

Rhubarb Jam

Lydia Humpal Pistulka

4 C. Rhubarb

4 C. Sugar

1 (3-oz) box strawberry gelatin

1 small can crushed pineapple - drained

Mix rhubarb and sugar in heavy saucepan and cook on stove stirring often until it forms its juice. Boil 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Take off stove, add jello and pineapple. Put in jelly jars and seal with wax.

Lydia is Grandma Mildred's Mother. We visited Uncle Ed Pistulka and he showed me Grandma Lydia's cookbook.

Household Hints from Grandma Pistulka's cook book

Removing onion odor: A little mustard rubbed into the hands after peeling onions, will remove the disagreeable odor.

I wonder if your hands will smell like mustard!!!

Household Hints from Grandma Pistulka's cookbook

Test Cakes with Toothpicks: Use wooden toothpicks for testing the cake in the oven. This is a much more sanitary way than using a broom straw.

Tartar Sauce

½ C. Mayonnaise

1 Tbsp. Cream

1 tsp. Onion juice

2 Tbsp. Pickle Relish

Mix all ingredients together. Serve with fish.

At the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries in Madison...they add a little horseradish to their tartar sauce. They serve regular tartar sauce and horseradish tartar sauce. Both go well!!!

Aroma of Christmas

3 cinnamon sticks

2 lemon sections

3 bay leaves

2 pieces of orange peel

¼ C. Whole Cloves

Simmer over low heat in 1 quart of water. Mixture can simmer all day long. Add water as needed. Welcoming friends into your home at Christmas is a special treat. "Aroma of Christmas" will be a cheery addition to your holiday season.

May Day Note:

**This May Day basket comes to say,
You're so special in every way....
So pass it on, but don't get caught!
Do it in secret as Jesus taught.**

Fruit Flavor Pops

1 (3-oz.) Pkg. Jello any flavor ½ C. Sugar

2 C. Boiling water

2 C. Cold Water

Dissolve gelatin and sugar in boiling water. Add cold water. Pour into paper cups or popsicle molds. Free until almost firm, about 2 hours. Insert wooden spoons or popsicle sticks. Freeze until firm, at least 8 hours or overnight. Makes about 4 cups or 8 large pops.

Fill the cups about 2/3 full and the kids won't waste. If you run hot water over the cups, they will pop right out!!!

Ingredients for White Sauce

Thin Sauce

1 Tbsp. Butter

1 Tbsp. Flour

1/4 tsp. Salt

1/8 tsp. Pepper

1 C. Milk

Medium Sauce

2-3 Tbsp. Butter

2-3 Tbsp. Flour

1/4 tsp. Salt

1/8 tsp. Pepper

1 C. Milk

Thick Sauce

4 Tbsp. Butter

4 Tbsp. Flour

1/4 tsp. Salt

1/8 tsp. Pepper

1 C. Milk

Body Creme

3 (15-oz) bottles baby lotion

2 (8-oz) Vitamin E Skin Cream

1 (7.5-oz) Vaseline Jelly

Mix Vitamin E and Vaseline together real well. Mix, mix and mix. Add 1 Bottle of Baby Lotion at a time. Mix, mix and mix. Put into decorative jars and give as gifts. Really moisturizes hands, arms and legs.

All seven grandchildren helped make this for Grandpa and Grandma Camp 2004. It was a gift to the Mom's at the end of camp.

Grandma Wilma's Letter: (she loved showing this letter to friends and family)

GENIAL FOODS INC.

4636 Commerce Building

Houston, TX

3 February 1966

National Coffee Importing & Shipping Co.
Houston, TX.

Gentlemen:

We quote verbat im letter received from our client, Hans
Gruber, and would appreciate your investigation of same.

Wilgelmstrasse 136
Hamburg, Germany

Gentlemen:

Der last two schipments of koffey ve got from
you on der Lykes Schip vas mit ratt schidt mixt. Der
Koffey ve got vas gott enuff, but der ratt durdts
schpoils der trade. Ve did not see der ratt schmidt in
der samples vitch you sent down to us.

It takes too much time to pick der ratt durdts
out from der koffey, ve order klean koffey, and you
schipt schidt mixt vit der koffey. It was a mistake, no?

Ve like you schip us der koffey in vun sak, and
der ratt schidt in anodder sak; den ve mix to soot
customer. Write please, if ve should schip back der
schidt und keep der koffey, or keep der schidt and
schip back der koffey, or schip back der whole
schiten verks.

Ve vant to do ride in dis matter but ve do not
like this ratt schidt business.

Mit much respect,

Gruber

"Hans

One liners from a little book of Grandma Wilma's
My get up and go, Got up and Went.

My work keeps me in stitches.

Today is the tomorrow,
We worried about Yesterday!

Everyone is queer but thee & me.
And Sometimes I wonder about thee.

**People with clenched fists
Cannot shake hands.**

**Tact is the art of keeping
quiet at the right time.**

In trying times try harder.

**The best way to be understood
is to be understanding.**

**Too much talk usually follows
too little thinking.**

**First think things through
then follow through.**

**There is no right way to do
the wrong thing.**

**Words must be weighed
not counted.**

**Forget your mistakes, but
remember what they taught you.**

Gene purchased a digital camera and there were lots of accessories to tag along. So Gene found a nice black purse in the ladies section and was able to get the camera, batteries and disks in the purse. We went to Uncle Dan's surprise 60th birthday party with the purse and camera. There were 60+ people there....Gene put it close to the couch in the living room. Gene asked Doug, "Do you see my camera case by the couch?" Doug said "No, there is just an old lady's purse here"! So we were looking all over for the camera-case-purse. I think after everyone left it was the only one there and we all had a big laugh!!! Aunt Connie still gets unglued when we talk about it!!!

Cinnamon Rolls

Fred Ridder told a joke about the older gentlemen of a family that was on his last days. He was home in bed and his family spent time seated next to him by the bed. They expected him to go at any moment. His wife was there a lot of the time also. One of the days, the wife needed to get up and do something so she went to the kitchen and decided to make cinnamon rolls. The old fellow sat up in the bed and smelled the cinnamon rolls. After awhile he said, "Is that rolls that Mom is making? I sure would like to have one". One of the kids asked and Mom said, "No, those are for your funeral"!

Memorable trip to Las Vegas

In 1994, Ray and Ann, Dan and Connie, Dave and Barb and Gene and I all flew to Las Vegas for a celebration. Ann's brother Bob Schlichting and his wife Jan joined us from California. It was quite the time we had with the three brothers!! One of the tours we took was a bus trip to Hoover Dam. We had a black lady bus driver by the name of Angel. Dave got started off on the wrong foot when Angel started describing some actor and actress homes on the left of the road and in the distance. Dave said, "And on the right side of the road is the Mojave Desert". Other passengers on the bus laughed and Angel wasn't very happy. Dave proceeds to tell this joke amongst the 8-10 people in his immediate area that could hear. It's about the fellow who had a camel and wanted to know how you get them to drink enough water to make it across the hot desert? Well, another fellow told him you have to "Brick em"! What is "Brick em"? First you put a big container of water in front of camel and take two bricks and put one on either side of the camel's testicles and bang the bricks together. The camel does a big "swhoosh" and sucks in all the water. The people that heard the joke put out a big roar of laughter. I think Angel thought Dave was talking about her. Angel proceeded to tell Dave that he had to settle down or get kicked off the bus! At the end of the tour there were little sheets handed out to judge the tour and driver. Most of the people thought she was too tough on Dave and bet she flunked!!!!

Great Quotes

Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out.
But I can usually shut the bitch up with cookies.

I refuse to think of them as chin hairs. I think of them as stray eyebrows.

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on.

Moose Nose Soup

Dan Sukup

1 large Moose Several Potatoes
Several carrots Salt & pepper

Skin and save the nose. Discard the rest. In a large kettle, melt snow to yield 6 to 8 quarts of water. Place the nose in the kettle along with the other ingredients. Simmer for 2 to 3 hours or until tender. (Serve hot) Number of servings depends on how long since your last meal.

Dan remembers that we used to have hot oatmeal for breakfast in the mornings with bread dipped into hot lard and salt & pepper on top of bread. Dan also said, "we should be dead!"

Fresh Bread

Bread is delivered fresh to stores with the following twist tie colors.

Monday - Blue Twist Tie

Tuesday - Green Twist Tie

Thursday - Red Twist Tie

Friday - White Twist Tie

Saturday - Yellow Twist Tie

Tidy Turf for Easter Eggs or Spring

Add a splash of color to your table with an inviting grass centerpiece you can grow from seed. About 3 weeks beforehand, gather your supplies. You will need a shallow dish or plastic plant saucer without drainage holes, a small bag of grass seed (perennial ryegrass), some potting soil, a plant sprayer and plastic wrap. Start by spreading the potting soil evenly in the saucer to cover the bottom. The soil should measure about ½ inch deep. Next cover the soil with a thick layer of grass seed. Water the seeds gently but thoroughly. We used a spray bottle to mist them. Tightly wrap a sheet of clear plastic wrap over the saucer to seal in the moisture. Place the saucer in an area in your home that receives plenty of sunlight. Leave saucer untouched for the first 2 days. Then discard the plastic wrap and water again. Keep the saucer in a sunny spot and mist daily. Be sure the soil stays moist. The seeds should sprout within a few days. The grass may look patchy at first; be patient- it should fill out nicely. As the grass grows, you may need to increase the amount of water you use. The day of the event, trim the grass with scissors for an even look. If at Easter time, place colored hard-cooked eggs in the grass and your homegrown centerpiece is ready.

Silent Treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 A.M. for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 A.M." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 A.M. and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 A.M. Wake up."

Moral of the story:

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests. God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.

My Forgetter's getting better

My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke.

For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Of times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!

The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who was that?"
Yes, forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Subject: Girls Night out (could refer to "The Bonnet Bunch" a
Red Hat Society Group from Madison, NE)

I was invited out for a night with the girls. I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, "I promise!" Well, the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easy. Around 3 am., a bit loaded, I headed for home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hall started up and cuckooed three times.

Realizing my husband would probably wake up, I quickly cuckooed another nine times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution (even when totally smashed), in order to escape a possible conflict with him.

The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, and I told him around midnight. He didn't seem pissed off at all. Whew! Got away with that one!

Then he said, "We need a new cuckoo clock." When I asked him why he said, "Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said, "Oh shit!" Cuckooed four more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.

Chinese Sick Leave - "I not come work today!!!"

Hung Chow calls in to work and says, "Hey, boss I not come work today, I really sick. I got headache, stomach ache and my legs hurt. I not come work". The boss says, "You know Hung Chow, I really need you today. When I feel like this I go to my wife and tell her give me sex. Makes everything better and I can go to work. You try. Two hours later Hung Chow calls again: "Boss, I do what you say and I feel great. I be at work soon. You got nice house."

The Lost Chapter of Genesis:

Adam was hanging around the garden of Eden feeling very lonely. So, God asked him, "What's wrong with you?" Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to. God said that He was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a

woman. He said, "This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing she will wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make and she will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will praise you! She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will NEVER have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it." Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?" God replied, "An arm and a leg." Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?"
Of course the rest is history.....

How come when you mix water and flour together you get glue.. And then you add eggs and sugar...and you get cake? Where did the glue go? You know darned well where it went! That's what makes the cake stick to your BUTT!

Bounce

17 uses for a dryer sheet! And all this time I've just been putting Bounce in the dryer.

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.
2. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
3. Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
4. Eliminates static electricity from your television screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
5. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with sheet of Bounce.
6. Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
7. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.
8. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
9. Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
10. Clean baked-on food from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight and sponge clean. The anti static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food.
11. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
12. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
13. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
14. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
15. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet

of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

16. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

17. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.

Making a Marriage Last

My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last: Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little wine, some good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesday's and I go Fridays.

I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know that her first name was Always.

I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

The last fight was my fault. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"I said, "Dust!"

Bright Red Catsup

3 tsp. Whole Cloves

2 tsp. Celery Seed

16 lbs. Tomatoes

½ tsp. Pepper

½ tsp. Garlic Salt

Helen Frank Sukup

3 tsp. Broken Stick Cinnamon

2 C. White Vinegar

1 medium sized onion

2 C. Sugar

3 Tbsp. Pickling salt

Boil until reduced to about half or like boughten catsup.

This is Helen Frank Sukup's recipe. This is Grandpa John's Aunt Helen who married Lawrence Sukup.

Making Cheese at home

3 gallons sour milk

½ Tbsp. Soda

½ C. Butter

1 ½ C. Sour Cream

1 Tbsp. Salt

1 tsp. Butter coloring

Mary Sedivy Sukup

Heat milk to 115 degrees or until you can just bear to put your hand in it. Set back on stove and keep hot 30 minutes. Drain through cloth and squeeze all the whey out. Now mix with soda and melted butter and let stand 2 hours. Mix 1 cup sour cream and melt in a flat bottom kettle which is placed in a large pan of boiling water. Keep water boiling and stir mixture until free from

lumps. Then add ½ C. Sour Cream into which the coloring has been added. Add salt. Pour into buttered bowl cover and let ripen 5 days.

Mary is Grandpa John's Grandmother.

Easter Egg Coloring:

3 Tbsp. Food Coloring 2 C. Water

½ C. Vinegar

Boil 20 minutes. Color Eggs.

Now look what you can do with Alka Seltzer.

Clean a toilet. Drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets, wait twenty minutes, brush and flush. The citric acid and effervescent action clean vitreous China.

Polish jewelry. Drop two Alka Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for two minutes.

How many of these did you know about?

Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease that is!)

To remove old wax from a glass candle holder, put it in the freezer for a few hours. Then take the candle holder out and turn it upside down. The wax will fall out.

Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little hydrogen peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works every time! Now, where to put the body? (Sounds like "Desperate Housewives" has been around awhile)

Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.

Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.

When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.

Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

Ants, ants, ants everywhere.....Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself.

Use air-freshener to clean mirrors. It does a good job and better still, leaves a lovely smell to

the shine.

(Gene Cerny tried this and he said that all the perfume spray about killed him!)

Grandmas and Great Stories

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

Different Helpful Tips

These tips came via e-mail from Jean Rich of Bradshaw, NE.

Pam will remove paint and grease from your hands! Keep a can in your garage for your hubby.

Chigger Bite - preparation H

Heavy dandruff - pour on the vinegar!

Remove labels off glassware et. - rub with peanut butter!

To keep FRESH FLOWERS longer - Add 2 Bayer aspirin or just use 7-up instead of water

Mayonnaise will KILL LICE, it will also condition your hair.

Shiny Hair - use brewed Lipton Tea

Sunburn - empty of large jar of Nestea into your bath water.

Use a Maxi-Pad in your cap as a sweatband! (Of course I think I would staple this or pin it in....you wouldn't want this to drop on the ground) Ha!

Get Your Mammies Grammed!

This is a cute way to send "the message"!

There is a serious message at the end, but you get to laugh on the way there. Now go out and have your mammies grammed!

For years and years they told me,

Be careful of your breasts.
Don't ever squeeze or bruise them,
And give them monthly tests.

So I heeded all their warnings,
And protected them by law.
Guarded them very carefully,
And I always wore my bra.

After 30 years of astute care,
My gyno, Dr. Pruitt,
Said I should get a Mammogram
"OK," I said, "let's do it."

"Stand up here real close" she said,
(She got my breast in line),
"And tell me when it hurts," she said,
"Ah yes! Right there, that's fine."

She stepped upon a pedal,
I could not believe my eyes!
A plastic plate came slamming down,
My hooter's in a vise!

My skin was stretched and mangled,
From underneath my chin.
My poor breast was being squashed,
To Swedish Pancake thin.

Excruciating pain I felt,
Within its viselike grip.
A prisoner in this vicious thing,
My poor defenseless tit!

"Take a deep breath" she said to me,
Who does she think she's kidding?!?
My chest is mashed in her machine,
And woozy I am getting

"There, that's good," I heard her say,
(The room was slowly swaying.)
"Now, let's have a go at the other one."
Have mercy, I was praying.

It squeezed me from both up and down,
It squeezed me from both sides.
I'll bet SHE'S never had this done,

To HER tender little hide.

Next time that they make me do this,
I will request a blindfold.
I have no wish to see again,
My knockers getting steam rolled.

If I had no problem when I came in,
I surely have one now.
If there had been a cyst in there,
It would have gone “ker-pow!”

This machine was created by a man,
Of this, I have no doubt.
I'd like to stick his balls in there,
And see how THEY came out!

OK gals, now that you have had your laugh, remember....
Breast Cancer Awareness.....
Go have your breasts checked out and stay healthy!

Red Hat Society

“The old Gray Mare Just Ain't What She Used to Be”In October 2004, I joined the Red Hat Society. Our group is called “The Bonnet Bunch”. There are nineteen of us and we have a blast! We had our Christmas gathering at the home of our Queen Mum Diana Schroeder. We did have a Chinese Christmas exchange planned and I thought it would be nice to make a bear out of Red Hat Society fabric. I decided to give the gift to Diana and after everyone saw the bear I had 15 more orders for bears. I did enjoy making them. The following poem written by Jenny Joseph was the beginning words that got the Red Hat Society going in 1998.

Warning

When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple,
With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick flowers in others people's gardens
And learn to spit.
You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
Or only bread and pickle for a week

And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.
But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
And pay our rent and not swear in the street
And set a good example for the children.
We will have friends to dinner and read the papers.
But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple.
-----Jenny Joseph

Red Hat Society - Madison, NE chapter

Our Red Hat Society group gets all dolled up and we have gone out to eat at various places. We attended a "Taste of Home" cooking school in Norfolk and all sat together in our "glory"!!!

We have secret sisters that we are pampering for the whole year.
And we shop together for red hat stuff.

My Mother Wilma would have *loved* being a member of a Red Hat Society. I bet she belongs to a group in heaven.

Substitute for vegetable oil:

I heard from my classmate Duff Roh Christiansen that you can substitute applesauce in equal amounts for oil in any recipe. Duff and I had some really cool times going to St. Ludger's Academy. My Grandpa John and Grandma Julia Sukup lived in Creighton when they retired.

After Grandpa passed away in 1958 Grandma was in the little house alone and seemed to like it when I would stay overnight with her. I usually stayed in town when we had basketball games as I was a member of the Pep Club. One time I stayed out a little longer than Grandma thought I should and she told my Dad!! Ouch!

The Cat in the Hat.....on Aging

I cannot see, I cannot pee
I cannot chew, I cannot screw
Oh my god, what can I do?
My memory shrinks, my hearing stinks
No sense of smell, I look like hell.
My mood is bad - can you tell?
My body's drooping, have trouble pooping.
The Golden Years have come at last.
The Golden Years can kiss my ass!

Cheerios

A 6 year old and a 4 year old are upstairs in their bedroom. "You know what?" says the 6 year old. "I think it's about time we started cussing." The 4 year old nods his head in approval. The 6 year old continues, "When we go downstairs for breakfast, I'm gonna say something with 'hell' and you say something with 'ass'." The 4 year old agrees with enthusiasm. When their mother walks into the kitchen and asks the 6 year old what he wants for breakfast, he replies, "Aw, hell, Mom, I guess I'll have some Cheerios." WHACK! He flies out of his chair, tumbles across the kitchen floor, gets up, and runs upstairs crying his eyes out, with his mother in hot pursuit, slapping his rear with every step. His mom locks him in his room and shouts, "You can just stay there until I let you out!" She then comes back downstairs, looks at the 4 year old, and asks with a stern voice, "And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?" "I don't know" he blubbers, "but you can bet your ass it won't be Cheerios."

Czech Maxims and Mottos

Everything has an end, but link sausage has two!

Toast: Long life to the drinker!

After New Year's Day, everyday gets longer by a chicken's step.

Without work, there are no kolaches.

A loving work is better than sweet kolaches.

Lines to make you smile

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
2. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
3. People our age can still enjoy an active, passionate sex life! Provided we get cable or that dish thing.
4. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
5. I'm not a complete idiot.....some parts are just missing.
6. Ever get the feeling your stuff strutted off without you?
7. I think I have reached my sexpiration date!
8. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
9. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
10. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
11. I smile! Because I don't know what the hell is going on.

Cleaning the Clothes Washer and Dishwasher

Fill clothes washer with large load and hot water. Can add old towels to help fill. Add 3 gallons vinegar and let sit overnight.

Turn machine on in the morning and run it's cycle. This will clean the machine and should be

done every three months. To clean the dishwasher turn the kitchen faucet on to hot water and set the dishwasher to the longest cycle...pots and pans. Start dishwasher and when it stops filling with water stop and dishwasher and add 1 gallon of vinegar. Let set overnight with door ajar. Finish the cycle in the morning and this will clean hoses and inside of dishwasher.

Crisco

This little story relates to Pat Cerny. An old lady is walking around in a supermarket calling out, "Crisco, Crisssssssscsco!"

Soon a store clerk approaches and says, "Lady, the Crisco is in Aisle D. The old lady replies, "Oh, I'm not looking for the cooking stuff. I'm calling my husband. The clerk is astonished. "Your husband's name is Crisco?" The old lady answers, "Oh, no, no, no. I only call him that when we're out in public." "I see," said the clerk. "What do you call him at home?" The old lady answers, "Lard Ass." Pat recalls that years ago she worked with a guy that called one other agent Lard Ass #1 and called Pat Lard Ass #2. The guy wrote a poem about them while they were away at a seminar. Pat recalls that it was hilarious. The poem was something about turning their pictures into Playboy but he couldn't get them accepted so he took up a collection and only got 35 cents or so. Pat no longer has the poem but this little e-mail brought back memories for her.

Dandelion Wine

Steve Sukup

1 gallon dandelion blossoms 2 gallon water

2 lemons, sliced

2 oranges, sliced

5 C. Sugar

1/2 cake yeast

Boil dandelion blossoms in water until liquor is fragrant. Strain. Add lemons and oranges to strained hot liquid. Add sugar and set aside to cool. When mixture is cold, add 1/2 cake yeast to gallon of liquid. Let stand for 1 week. Remove lemons and oranges on the second or third day. After another week, pour wine into open jugs. Put loose cover, such as towel or paper, over jugs. Allow the air to circulate. Cork jugs after 2 or 3 days.

In the late 60's and early 70's Dan and Dave both worked at the dairy at Boys Town. The young boy residents who were interested in farm-related jobs were their helpers. The dairy provided the milk for Boys Town. Dan and Connie left Boys Town to go to Arlington and manage a pig operation. Dave and Barbara went to St. Mary's, KS. to manage a pig operation.

Christmas Fruit Cake

(A recipe for Disaster)

Ingredients:

1 C. Water

4 large eggs

1 tsp. Salt

Janet Sukup Keating

1 C. Butter

8 oz. Mixed nuts

Juice of one lemon

1 bottle bourbon
2 C. Dried fruit

1 C. Brown Sugar
1 tsp. Baking Powder

1. Sample bourbon to check quality.
2. Take out a large bowl. Before pouring bourbon, check it again to be sure it's of the highest quality. Then pour one cup and drink. Repeat.
3. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in large fluffy bowl.
4. Add one tsp. Sugar and beat again. Make sure the bourbon is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn on the mixer. Break two eggs and add to the bowl, then chuck in the mixed fruit.
5. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers, pry it loose with a drewdriver.
6. Sample the bourbon to check for tonsiscency.
7. Next, sift two cups of the salt, or something. Who cares? Check the bourbon. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.
8. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees.
9. Don't forget to beat off the turnerer. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the bourbon again and go to bed.

Gene and I were on our way back to Papillion one early March evening and the roads were icy. I was driving slow and this semi with trailer was coming towards us. As he took the curve his trailer slid onto our side of the road. I was scared and said, "Help"! I don't know what the semi truck driver did to adjust his trailer but it straightened out right before we met on the highway.

Things to do at Wal-Mart while your spouse/partner is taking their sweet time:

1. Get 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in peoples carts when they aren't looking.
2. Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. Make a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the rest rooms.
4. Walk up to an employee and tell him or her in an official tone, "Code 3" in housewares....and see what happens.
5. Go to the Service Desk and ask to put a bag of M&M's on layaway.
6. Move a "CAUTION - WET FLOOR" sign to a carpeted area.
7. Look right into the security camera; use it as a mirror, and pick your nose.
8. Go into a fitting room and shut the door and wait a while;

and then yell very loudly, "There is no toilet paper in here!"

Keeper

Jeanne Thompson Henery

I grew up in the 50's/60's with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more. But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away, never to return. So, while we have it, it's best we love it and care for it and fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick. This is true for friendships and old cars and children with bad report cards and dogs with bad hips and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make life important like people we know who are special, and so we keep them close.

I received this from someone who thinks I am a 'keeper' so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way. Keep them close!

Nicknames of family members:

Eugene Cerny	Lefty
Julia Sukup Cerny	Judy, Julie (I answer to anything!)
Ira Fox	Babe
Helen Cerny Freeman	Poopa
Josephine Cerny Fox	Jean
William Cerny	Bill
Jim Cerny	Jimmy
Elaine Peterson Noonan	Laney
Robert Cerny	Bobby
Mary Ann Peterson Helenboldt	Todie
Thomas Cerny	Toby
Frank Cerny	Frankie
Janet Cerny Sattler	Nickie
John Peterson	Butch I
Raymond Cerny	Butch II

Mildred Cerny Effle	Midge
Mildred Pistulka Cerny	Midge
Mamie Pistulka Raterman	Mae
Patricia Peterson Schlotman	Patty
Rochelle Cerny	Shelly
Diane Cerny Kohler	Dee (or Deedee when she was little)
Clem Cerney	Beezie
Edward Pistulka	Eddie
Kristine Cerny	Jay
Patricia Demerath Cerny	Patty

Color Blindness from the Van Brocklin side of the family

The three sons in John and Wilma Sukup family are color blind. This is a trait inherited through their mother Wilma. Wilma's father William Van Brocklin and his five brothers are all color blind too. John and Wilma have 19 grandchildren, 11 grandsons and 8 granddaughters. When these girls marry chances are their sons will be color blind.

The trait is inherited from the Krause family. John and Wilma's son Daniel knowing he was colorblind, found out (and perhaps was taught by his Mother Wilma) that each crayon used had the name of the color printed on each one.

When advancing to seventh and eighth grades, color pencils were used. No names are printed on the pencils! Time for art class pictures were handed out to every student. A scene of the forest completed with a deer. Dan finished the picture and gave it to the Sister. She called him to her desk and ridiculed the picture because the deer was colored green. Afterwards the Nun found out from Judy what the problem was. So Sister helped Dan colored over the picture making everything a shade of green - it really was attractive and the picture earned a superior ribbon at the fair.

Grandparents

Grandmothers are just antique little girls.

When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window.

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first.

My grand kids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too.

Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old.

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.

A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside.

It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one.

Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween.

Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting.

Grandmas hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever.

It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother - that's why the world calls her grandmother.

Aprons

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

In the 1960's when girls our age got married.....the bride would choose five or six young girls to be servers at the wedding dinner. They would go around and fill coffee or tea. We made or purchased aprons for them to wear. The gals that served at our wedding wore white chiffon aprons with blue accenting the small pockets. We purchased them.

When we were on the farm we all had to help milk. Ray and Dan had to help milk before we went to school and that was very early in the morning. Mother and I milked the cows when the men were in the field plowing, cultivating, putting up alfalfa or hay. We had all the cows named. Some of them were Blackie, Whitie, Pet, Roanie, Hornie and Ironside. Hornie had long horns and had a tough time getting her head into the milking stall. Ironside was the toughest one to milk. Mom or Dad usually got stuck with her. We did our share of pranks while we were milking. We weren't milking too long when someone would get squirted with milk. We also had a radio at the barn to listen to while we were milking. I think it helped the cows relax. It seems that we milked by hand until 1961 when I left the farm. Then Dad got the milking machines.

Older Than Dirt Quiz: Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about. Ratings at the bottom.

- 1. Blackjack chewing gum**
- 2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water**
- 3. Candy cigarettes**
- 4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles**
- 5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes**
- 6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard Stoppers**
- 7. Party lines**
- 8. Newsreels before the movie**
- 9. P.F. Flyers**
- 10. Butch wax**
- 11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive-6933)**
- 12. Peashooters**
- 13. Howdy Doody**
- 14. 45 RPM records**
- 15. S&H Green Stamps**

16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers
If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young
If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older
If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age
If you remembered 16-25 = You're Older than dirt!
I might be older than dirt but those memories are the best part of my life.

**"Senility Prayer" God grant me....
The senility to forget the people I never liked
The good fortune to run into the ones that I do
And the eyesight to tell the difference."**

Whenever I purchase a box of S.O.S. pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. Now a box of S.O.S. pads last me indefinitely. In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get sharpened this way.

Don't throw out all that leftover wine: Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces. Left over wine? What's that?

**Grandma Wilma Sukup's favorites
My get up and go, Got up and went.**

My work keeps me in stitches.

**Today is the tomorrow,
We worried about yesterday!**

**A house is made of brick and stone,
But a home is made of love alone.**

Everyone is queer but thee and me,
And sometimes I wonder about thee.

Get drunk and be merry,
For tomorrow we may diet.

When we were in high school some of the kids used to get in a car and drive to Verdigre and drive back to Creighton on the railroad tracks.

In Memory of Beth - 1979

Death is nothing at all
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
that we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
What is this death but a negligible accident.
Why should I be out of mind because
I am out of sight.
I am waiting for you for an interval,
somewhere very near, just around the corner.
"All is well"
These words are by Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)
a canon of St. Paul's and a practical theologian.

Aunt Beth Van Brocklin Schulte and Mother Wilma Van Brocklin Sukup were the youngest daughters of Bill and Sara Van Brocklin. They were only four years apart and very close. Mother Wilma remembered trying to teach Aunt Beth how to drive when they were younger and lived on the farm with Great Uncle Henry and Great Aunt Minnie Van Brocklin. Great Uncle Henry lived with us after Aunt Minnie passed away in 1949. Great Uncle Henry is a brother to Grandpa Bill Van Brocklin. Mother Wilma had this little poem in a book with other poems and prayers.

When we're old and live with our kids
When we're old and live with our kids,
And bring so much happiness.....just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided,

Returning each deed. Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When we're old and live with our kids)

I'll write on the wall with red, whites and blues,
And bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
(When we're old and live with our kids)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
And when that is done I'll hide under the bed!
(When we're old and live with our kids)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat.
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry I'll run....if I'm able!
(When we're old and live with our kids)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,
I'll cross both my eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!
(When we're old and live with our kids)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "They're so sweet....when they're sleeping."
(When we're old and live with our kids)

Author: Joanne Bailey Baxter (Her subject is an old lady....
but we're both going to live with the kids)

Popcorn Balls
1 C. White Syrup
½ C. Sugar
1 (3-oz.) Box jell-o

Sandy Nabower
¾ C. Peanuts, chopped
9 C. Popcorn, popped

Bring syrup and sugar to good boil. Add peanuts. Stir in Jell-o. Pour mixture over popcorn and mix well. Use buttered hands to make into balls.

Chris Nabower Weins and Dee are very good friends. They were in each other's wedding and remain good friends. Dee and Chris were making these jello popcorn balls without a recipe and Dee thought the sugar should go in the pan while popping the corn. Needless to say the bottom of the pan had a big burnt bunch of gunk. The pan was not salvaged.

Grandma Lydia Pistulka Household hints

Add several tablespoons of liquid starch to the detergent with which you wash linoleum or tile floors. It will make them glisten like new.

For added flavor try cooking noodles in canned bouillon instead of water. They taste fine.

Onion will not make the eyes water if scalding water is poured over them before they are peeled.

Peroxide Uses

Bleach was invented in the late 40's. It is chlorine and it was used to kill our troops. Peroxide was invented during WWI in the 20's. It was used to save and help cleanse the needs of our troops and hospitals.

Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of peroxide to keep them free of germs.

Clean your counters and table tops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. Simply put a little on your dish cloth when you wipe, or spray it on the counters.

After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour peroxide on it to kill salmonella and other bacteria.

Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system like bleach or most other disinfectants will.

Tilt your head back and spray into nostrils with your 50/50 mixture whenever you have a cold or plugged sinus. It will bubble and help to kill the bacteria. Hold for a few minutes, and then blow your nose into a tissue.

You can also add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of whites in your laundry to whiten them.

Use peroxide to clean mirrors. There is no smearing.

It is a little brown bottle no home should be without! With prices of most necessities rising, I'm glad there's a way to save tons of money in such a simple, healthy manner!

Gene and I went to Super Target in Papillion one day for shopping. I had the keys hooked to the pocket of my jeans and we were all over the store shopping that day. When we went to leave, my keys were gone. I lost our car keys in Target. We back-tracked throughout the store and couldn't find them. We advised the Service Desk that we lost the keys. We did not find them. The Service Desk lady called a cab for us and it cost \$5.00 for a ride home with our groceries. We then got our second set of keys and went back to Target to get the car. It was much later that afternoon when Target called and found our keys. Someone found them on the floor and just hooked the keys on the display hook. I now have a zippered pouch inside my purse that keeps the keys safe.

Dad Frank Cerny was a wonderful carpenter, card player and jokester. He sometimes rattled off a Czech saying with a smile. Mother Mildred Cerny was a wonderful cook, baker and homemaker. She loved playing a game of Canasta and making quilts. Frank and Mildred's family values were handed to their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother Frank enjoys volunteering with the Knights of Columbus activities, likes golfing and card playing. Elizabeth (Betty) Cerny enjoys gardening, volunteering at the hospital and home-making. Brother Tom enjoys babysitting, dining out and retirement. Pam Cerny is a working RN and enjoys reading and dining-out. Brother Ray Cerny enjoys carpenter work, golfing and retirement. Pat Cerny loves retirement, scrap booking, card stamping, decorating and cooking. The only Cerny sister Midge Effle enjoys occasional babysitting, working as an aide for special needs children, cooking and gardening. Don Effle works for the City of Norfolk. Gene is my "Jack of all Trades" person. We have never called a plumber, electrician or carpenter. Gene enjoys sub-teaching at junior and senior high schools, cutting wood for our new wood insert fireplace, gardening, working on the computer, traveling, bowling and retirement. We all love our children and grandchildren. As a final note in assembling the family cookbook with notes, I encourage all young Mothers and Fathers to jot down the cute sayings from their kids. I always said, "We should write that down", then didn't. It was enjoyable to remember some of the olden days with the help of our families. Dad John Sukup loved farming and fishing and watching TV. Later he became a professional at leatherwork. Mother Wilma Sukup had many hobbies. She made quilts, collected buttons, made scrapbooks, gathered genealogy records for the Van Brocklin, Hempstead, Sukup and Kurka families. She loved to cook, do gardening, dance and sing. She loved to read and volunteer at church. Her family was always number one. All of John and Wilma's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren enjoy their heritage. Brother Ray was a wonderful farmer, inventor, cook and checker player. Ida (Ann) Sukup works at the Creighton Hospital preparing food for the patients at the hospital and nursing home. She is a great cook. Brother Dan operates a large feeder pig operation and likes to bake and cook. Dan is a community volunteer and collects antique engines and canons. Dan also likes making rugs on his new rug machine. Connie Sukup is a working RN nurse at the Medical Clinic in Pender, NE. Connie works as part-time veterinarian for the Sukup Pig Farm, likes card stamping, working on the computer and riding horses.

Brother Dave is CEO of the Kansas Dairy Herds of America Association And likes to bake. Dave is a quilt maker, canon and antique engine collector and jokester. Dave also likes making rugs on his new rug machine. Barbara Sukup loves retirement, cross-stitching and baking. Barb also likes to go antique shopping. I enjoy making quilts, entering genealogy records on our website, card stamping, church volunteer work and playing the piano for senior centers and rest homes. I also love to read, cook and shop. We all love our children and grandchildren. And as Mother Wilma wrote in the back of one of her genealogy books.....there are no more records at this time.