

Lifestyle

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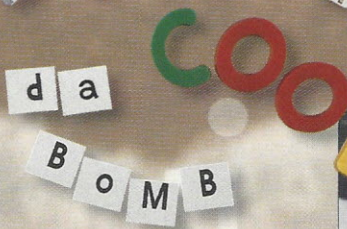
➔ In 1853, chef George Crum creates potato chips in New York after a customer keeps requesting thinner french-fried potatoes. The U.S., with over 700 varieties on the market, consumes the most potato chips worldwide.



➔ Slang of the 1800s includes coot, crazy as a loon, critter, bub and sis, bully for you, and bummer. Popular phrases today are da bomb, cool and phat.

1466

➔ Germans first bake birthday cakes to celebrate children's birthdays in 1200. The candles burn throughout the day to symbolize life. The tradition of birthday cakes continues with popular characters as part of the cake decoration.



1508



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➔ Before sweat glands are clearly understood in the 19th century, perfume is used to mask the odor of sweat. Introduced in 1888, Mum® is the first product to ward off underarm moisture and odor. In 1997, Americans spend \$1.48 billion on deodorant.

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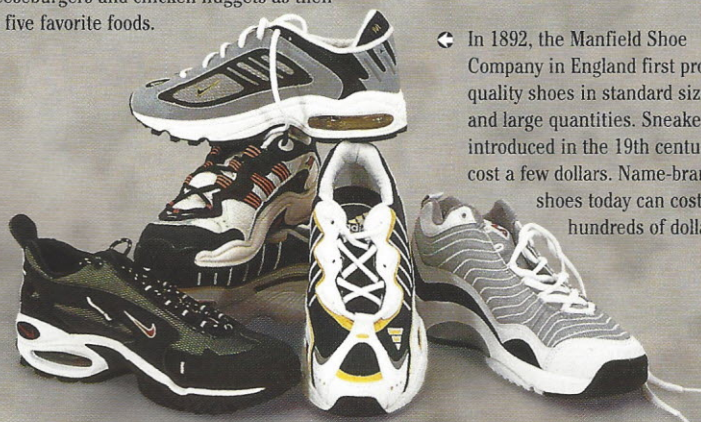


➔ The average American's favorite meal in 1954 is a fruit cup, vegetable soup, steak and potatoes, peas, rolls and butter, and pie à la mode. Teens today rank pizza, french fries, pasta, hamburgers/cheeseburgers and chicken nuggets as their top five favorite foods.

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➔ In 1892, the Manfield Shoe Company in England first produces quality shoes in standard sizes and large quantities. Sneakers are introduced in the 19th century and cost a few dollars. Name-brand shoes today can cost hundreds of dollars.

1841



1909



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➔ Swing dancing, popular in the 1930s, makes a comeback in 1998.

➔ Nine percent of households own a TV in 1950. That number rises to 98 percent by 1995. On average, 98 percent of today's teens watch TV for 11.4 hours a week.

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