

Trivia

The ridges on your fingers, besides leaving fingerprints on everything, provide traction so you can pick things up.

Hawaii is the only U.S. state with one school district.

The starfish is one of the few animals that can turn its stomach inside out. The process is called gastric eversion and some frogs, some fish, and the whale shark can do it as well.

A sneeze can reach speeds of 100 mph.

Celery takes more calories to eat than a human can derive from it. Basically, it is the only food that has a negative amount of effective calories.

Shrimp can only swim backwards.

A shark can detect one part blood in 100 million parts water.

There is a poisonous mushroom called the Jack-o'-lantern. These mushrooms are bright orange-yellow in color and on rainy nights they appear to glow in the dark.

Blue whales can produce sounds that are over 185 decibels. That's nearly twice as loud as a jumbo jet taking off.

A sperm whale's tooth is the size of a big peanut-butter jar.

Strawberries contain more vitamin C than oranges.

Apples have been more effective in keeping people awake than coffee. Apparently, it is due to the natural acidity and because sugar in the apple will be slowly released in your system.

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Product Spotlight

WS-Series Oilfield Interchange

Dixon Quick Coupling is delighted to introduce the new WS-Series Oilfield Interchange Couplings, available in steel or 316 stainless steel, sizes 3/4" to 2". This series is being introduced in the new PPL306 Quick Coupling Guide effective March 1, 2006.

The WS-Series is fully interchangeable with the Snap-Tite 75-Series and Hydraulics Inc equivalent, providing excellent flow and pressure performance in comparison to these competitive products. This feature-rich series of couplings is designed to maximize performance and longevity, while ensuring operator safety.

One of the unique and most noticeable features of the WS-Series is the threaded sleeve. Unlike products from the competition, the Dixon sleeve is cast using a unique process that provides better surface finishes, tighter tolerance control, and excellent repeatability. The hammer lugs, in comparison to welded or sandcast alternatives, are robust and very durable.



This exciting new product is also available in a 'Blow-Out Prevention' variant for oilfield service, designed to withstand the high temperatures associated with life-saving BOP systems. See these and many other new additions in the new PPL306 Dixon Quick Coupling Guide.

Dates in History

- 1789** On March the 12th, the United States Post Office was established.
- 1809** On March the 4th, James Madison became the first President inaugurated in American-made clothes.
- 1852** On March the 13th, the Uncle Sam cartoon figure made its debut in the New York Lantern weekly.
- 1872** On March the 1st, Yellowstone became the world's first national park.
- 1892** On March the 15th, the first escalator was patented by inventor Jesse W Reno from New York, NY.
- 1937** On March the 15th, Bernard Fantus, director of therapeutics at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, established the first hospital Blood Bank in the United States.
- 1962** On March the 1st, the first K-Mart store opened in a suburb outside of Detroit, Michigan.
- 1977** On March the 1st, Bank of America adopted the name VISA for their credit cards.

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Inspiration Corner

- Some weeks after receiving a \$1,200 check for the loss of her jewelry, an elderly woman informed her insurance company that she had found the missing property in her cupboard.

"I didn't think it would be fair to keep the jewels and the money, so I think you will be pleased to know that I sent the \$1,200 to the Red Cross."

- An old-timer sat on the river bank, obviously awaiting a nibble, though the fishing season had not officially opened. The game warden stood behind him quietly for several minutes. "You the game warden?" the old-timer inquired.

"Yup."

Unruffled, the old man began to move the fishing pole from side to side. Finally, he lifted the line out of the water. Pointing to a minnow wriggling on the end of the line, he said, "Just teaching him how to swim."

- A taxpayer received a strongly worded 'second notice' that his taxes were overdue. Hastening to the collector's office, he said apologetically that he had overlooked the first notice.

"Oh," confided the collector with a smile, "we don't send out first notices. We have found that the second notices are more effective."

- A prominent New York theater critic was leaving the theater after a Broadway opening and met the producer in the lobby. The producer took one look at the critic's suit, which was rumpled as usual, and said with some annoyance:

"That's a fine way to dress for my opening. Your suit looks as if it has been slept in."

"Since you mention it," he replied, "I just woke up."

(excerpted from the book "Braude's Treasury of Wit & Humor for all Occasions")