

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

The word SILENT contains exactly the same letters as the word LISTEN.

*Food & Wine magazine reported that in Japan, squid is the most popular topping for Domino's pizza.*

The custom of serving a slice of lemon with fish dates back to the Middle Ages. It was believed that if a person accidentally swallowed a fish bone, the lemon juice would dissolve it.

*Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone, an "Improvement in Telegraphy", on Valentine's Day, 1876.*

Early mattresses were filled with straw and held up with a rope stretched across the bed frame. If the rope was tight, sleep was comfortable. Hence the phrase, "sleep tight."

*"Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.*

Inventor Thomas Edison averaged six new patents a month during one four-year period.

*The stomach must produce a new layer of mucus every 2 weeks or it will digest itself.*

The word cabbage comes from the Old North French word for "head," caboche. That's where the term "head of cabbage" comes from.

*Donald F. Duncan, the man who made the yo-yo an American tradition, is also credited with popularizing the parking meter and introducing Good Humor "ice cream on a stick."*

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# Product Spotlight



*Grooved Style  
External Crimp Ferrules  
for Cam and Groove*

Dixon's new External Crimp Ferrules are designed for use with Dixon's Type C and E hose shanks. This design offers 360° interlocking with approved Dixon hose shanks and can be installed with the appropriate Dixon crimping system. For crimp specifications please refer to the Dixon Die/Crimp Chart.



- Designed to be used on Dixon grooved hose shanks (1½", 2, 3", 4")
- Carbon steel for rugged applications
- 1½" – 2" features .063" wall thickness
- 3" – 4" features .125" wall thickness
- Turnover edge is sliced for easy ferrule removal
- Large offering of I.D. sizes to match your hose O.D.
- Streamlined and safe final assembly

# Product Safety

## Secure Cam Arms

Cam arms should be secured in the "down" or "closed" position on couplers.

Partially-open or fully-open cam arms on hose assemblies are dangerous. This hazardous condition can be caused by a number of different factors. Three of the most common are:

- 1) The operator fails to insure that the cam arms are fully closed upon hooking-up the assembly.
- 2) High vibration within the pumping system, combined with worn or missing gaskets.
- 3) High "impulse shock" within the pumping system causing severe wear on various parts of the coupler.

Whatever the cause, this unsafe condition must be corrected.

## Dates in History

**1885** On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Washington Monument was formally dedicated. Three years later it was opened to the public. The monument was the tallest structure in the world when completed and remains today, by District of Columbia law, the tallest building in the nation's capital.

**1903** On February 15<sup>th</sup>, toy store owner Morris Michtom places two stuffed bears in his shop window, advertising them as "Teddy" bears. Michtom had earlier petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt for permission to use his nickname, "Teddy." The president agreed and, before long, other toy manufacturers began turning out copies of Michtom's stuffed bears.

# On the Lighter Side

"Well, here is your problem." the doctor says to the first time father. "It seems that this child needs a diaper change." The new father then replies "but I swear, that package said it was good for 8-10 lbs."

*A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"*

A new neighbor asked the little girl next door if she had any brothers and sisters. She replied, "No, I'm the lonely child."

*Our five-year-old son Mark couldn't wait to tell his father about the movie we had watched on television, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." The scenes with the submarine and the giant octopus had kept him wide-eyed. In the middle of the telling, My husband interrupted Mark, "What caused the submarine to sink?" With a look of incredulity Mark replied, "Dad, it was the 20,000 leaks!"*

A three-year-old went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother there were two boy kittens and two girl kittens. "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."