

Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem for the month: True Friendship is like good health. The value is seldom known till it is lost.

An Interesting Fact about Manure

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again of which a byproduct is "methane gas" of course. As the manure was stored below ship decks in bundles, they were vulnerable due to the methane.

Methane would begin to build up below the ship decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, "B O O M"!!!!!!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction "Stow High in Transit" on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so the water wouldn't reach it causing it to ferment and produce methane.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T." (Stow High in Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

There are two kinds of pedestrians – the quick and the dead.

Some Thoughts on Aging

- ◆ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.
- ◆ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- ◆ You know you're getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- ◆ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top
- ◆ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.
- ◆ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

Two monkeys were discussing evolution when one said, "You mean to tell me that I really am my keeper's brother?"

A group of Canadians was travelling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group of lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. These, she explained, were the older goats out to pasture when they no longer produced. She then asked, "What do you do in Canada with your old goats that aren't producing?"

A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours."

Exit Lines:

- ◆ *Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most us have gears we never use.*
- ◆ *Adam and Eve were the first bookkeepers. They invented the loose-leaf system.*



Have A Happy Father's Day!

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