

# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem Of The Month - Truce is better than friction

## According to a survey -

1. 28% of Canadians think houses can be haunted
2. 24% believe we can mentally communicate with the dead
3. 13% believe in witches
4. 37% believe the devil exists
5. 56% believe in angels

Three dolts are in the forest when they spot a set of tracks  
 Dolt #1 says, "Hey, deer tracks."  
 Dolt #2 says, "No, dog tracks."  
 Dolt #3 says, "You're both crazy - they're cow tracks."  
 They were still arguing when the train hit them.

## Classified Ad Bloopers

1. Used cars - Why go elsewhere to be cheated? Come here first.
2. Wanted - Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
3. Auto Repair Service - Free pickup and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.
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6. Stock up and save. Limit: one.

## Top Fire Safety Tips

1. Don't smoke in the house or on a wooden deck.
2. Install smoke detectors on every floor of your home and change the batteries regularly.
3. Have a Canadian Standards Assn. approved fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Keep it in good repair and make sure everyone knows how to use it.
4. Plan how to leave your home and where the family should meet outdoors.
5. If there's a fire, call 911 immediately. Don't wait to see if you can extinguish it yourself.

## Old Houses at Midnight

Old houses at midnight hold a sinister tone  
 With rooms at their blackest, with you all alone.  
 Shapes form in shadows, there's icy damp chills  
 Whispers and rustlings bring unwelcome thrills.  
 You tug high the blankets and try hard to sleep  
 When a step on the floorboard makes a sudden  
 loud creek!  
 Then next comes a series of moans and a sigh,  
 The strange scent of lilacs, wide awake now you lie.  
 Till at least comes the dawn bringing sunshine and light  
 To sweep away phantoms that danced through the night.  
 Old houses have romance, have charm, I admit,  
 If enjoyed in a CROWD, with room brightly LIT.  
 But me? I'll take modern, a high-rise I crave  
 Where silence is golden and it's still as a - grave.  
 OH DEAR!!!

(By local poet, Bea Lotz)

**Exit Line** - Did you hear about the fellow who had a big fight with his wife about whether it's all right to spend one night a week out with the boys? He doesn't think she should.

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