



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

On This Date

1885 – Jumbo the Elephant of the Barnum & Bailey Circus died in St. Thomas, Ontario, when a locomotive accidentally struck him.

1916 – The British used tanks for the first time during the Battle of the Somme in World War I. While the tanks did not bring a victory for the Allies, General Douglas Haig realized their potential and ordered hundreds more.

1954 – The iconic picture of Marilyn Monroe laughing as the skirt of her white dress was blown up by a subway vent was carefully planned by her pal, photographer Sam Shaw, during the filming of the movie *The Seven Year Itch*.

Daily Trivia

In 1199, King Richard the Lionheart laughed at a French archer wielding a crossbow and using a frying pan as a makeshift shield. But the French soldier got the last laugh. He shot Richard, who died of his wounds weeks later.

Quote of the Day

“Good advice is always certain to be ignored, but that’s no reason not to give it.”

~ *Agatha Christie*

Happy Birthday!

Agatha Christie (1890–1976) wrote 80 detective novels as well as numerous short stories and plays, revolutionizing the mystery story. Her works have been translated into over 100 languages, and roughly four billion copies of her novels have been sold. Two of her best-loved characters are Detective Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. After divorcing her first husband, she married archaeologist Max Mallowan. Agatha received the title Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.





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Today is the start of Yom Kippur at sundown. This Day of Atonement is the last of 10 days of penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah. Judaism's most solemn holy day, Yom Kippur is a day of fasting, prayer, and repentance.

Why Didn't I Think of That?

While hunting in the Jura mountains in Switzerland in the 1940s, engineer



George de Mestral noticed cockleburs sticking in his pants and his dog's hair. Inspecting the seeds under a microscope,

he discovered that they had attached themselves via tiny natural hooks. Mestral was struck with the idea of a synthetic fastener following the same hook-and-loop system. Named for the French words *velour* (for velvet) and *crochet* (for hook), he invented *Velcro*, a fastener that is now ubiquitous in clothing and around the home.

Punny Business

The scientist's new theory on inertia didn't seem to be gaining any momentum.

Root of the Matter

Get the sack

If you *get the sack*, it means that you have been fired from your job. This expression was used in France as far back as the 17th century when trade workers owned their tools and roamed from job to job carrying their tools in a sack. Laborers would typically leave their sacks of tools at the job site during their stint. With no job security or formal contract for work, an unsatisfactory employee was literally handed his sack of tools and ordered to leave. By the 1800s, the expression was in common usage in English.

Word Scramble

L T E P O P

To lose balance and fall over

ANSWER: TOPPLE