



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

## On This Date

**1789** – The French Revolution began with the storming of the Bastille prison. Festivities are held annually on the Champs-Élysées in Paris to mark the occasion. Not only is it a public holiday in France but the date is also celebrated in many countries throughout the world. It is considered the day freedom was born in France.

**1865** – The first ascent of the Matterhorn was completed by a party of eight mountain climbers, four of whom died in the descent. It is estimated that over 500 alpinists have died on the Matterhorn since that first climb, making it one of the deadliest peaks in the world.

## Volcanic Trivia

Volcanoes are aptly named after Vulcan, the ancient Roman god of fire. He was married to Venus, the goddess of love and beauty.



## Quote of the Day

“One feels oneself in contact with something that is infinite and one finds joy that is beyond expression in sounding the abyss of science and the secrets of the infinite mind.”

~ *Florence Bascom*

## Happy Birthday!

**Florence Bascom** (1862–1945) was an innovative pioneer in the field of geology. Heralded as America’s first female geologist, she was the first woman to get a PhD in geology from Johns Hopkins University and the second woman to earn the degree in the United States. The daughter of a college professor and a women’s rights activist, Bascom was raised to achieve academically and enter professional life. She made important findings on erosion and volcanic rock formations and was also a teacher.





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**Today is** Bastille Day. On this day in 1789, the people of Paris stormed the Bastille fortress and prison, marking a turning point in the French Revolution and ushering in a new era of equality and liberty for France.

## Picture of the Day



*The original “Rider Mower”*

Now it's your turn to come up with a good caption.

## Word to the Wise

Start-up businesses have a new means of attracting donors, known as *crowdfunding*—a new word that has been added to the dictionary. With crowdfunding, businesses use the internet to attract small donations from hundreds and thousands of investors. The website Kickstarter has helped raise billions of dollars for over 143,000 new projects.

## Why Didn't I Think of That?

Since 1952, drivers have been hanging Little Trees from their rearview mirrors to keep their cars smelling fresh. Julius Sämann, a chemist, spent much of his career extracting oils from evergreen trees. Sämann, upon hearing a complaint from a milk truck driver about the horrible smell of sour milk, set out to create an air freshener. Inspired by the evergreen forests of his native Canada, he perfected the scented tree on a string. Today, Little Trees air fresheners come in over 60 scents, including Royal Pine, Copper Canyon, and Jasmin.

## Word Scramble

O N R Z I H O

The line where the earth  
meets the sky