The 411: by Harry Johnson

We tend to hold inventors in high esteem, but often their discoveries were the result of an accident or a twist of fate. This is true of many everyday items, including the following surprise inventions.

Corn Flakes:

In 1894, Dr. John-Harvey Kellogg was the superintendent of the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan. He and his brother Will Kellogg were Seventh Day Adventists and they were searching for wholesome foods to feed patients that also complied with the Adventists' strict vegetarian diet. When Will accidentally left some boiled wheat sitting out, it went stale by the time he returned. Rather than throwing it away, the brothers sent it through rollers, hoping to make long sheets of dough, but they got flakes instead. They toasted the flakes, which were a big hit with the patients. They patented it under the name of Granose. Will created the Kellogg's company to sell the corn flakes in 1906. John refused to join the company because Will lowered the health benefits of the cereal by adding sugar. John, John, John, what were you thinking?

Microwave Ovens:

The microwave oven is now a standard appliance in most American households, but it has only been around since the late 1940s. In 1945, Percy Spencer was experimenting with a new vacuum tube called a magnetron while doing research for the Raytheon Corporation. He was intrigued when the candy bar in his pocket began to melt, so he tried another experiment with popcorn. Raytheon built the first microwave oven, the Radarange, which weighed 750 pounds and 5 1/2 feet tall, and cost about $5,000. Try fitting that in your kitchen.

Silly Putty:

It bounces, it stretches, it breaks-it's Silly Putty. This silicone based plastic clay marketed as a children's toy by Binney & Smith. During World War Two, while attempting to create a synthetic rubber substitute, James Wright dropped boric acid into silicone oil. The result was a polymerized substance that bounced, but it took several years to find a use for the product. In 1950, marketing expert Peter Hodgson saw its potential as a toy and he named it Silly Putty.

Post-it Notes:

A Post-it note is a small piece of paper with a strip of low tack adhesive on the back that allows it to be temporarily attached to documents, walls, computer monitors. The Post-it note was conceived in 1974 by Arthur Fry as a way of holding bookmarks in his hymnal while singing in the church choir. He was aware of an adhesive accidentally developed in 1968 by fellow 3M employee Spencer Silver. The 3M Company was initially skeptical about the product's profitability, but in 1980, the product was introduced around the world. Today, Post-it notes are sold in more than 100 countries.

Saccharin:

Saccharin, the oldest artificial sweetener, was accidentally discovered in 1879 by researcher Constantine Fahlberg, who was working at Johns Hopkins University in the laboratory of Professor Ira Remsen. Fahlberg's discovery came after he forgot to wash his hands before lunch. He had spilled a chemical on his hands and it, in turn, caused the bread he ate to taste unusually sweet. In 1884, Fahlberg obtained a patent and began mass-producing saccharin. The use of saccharin did not become widespread until sugar was rationed during World War 1.

The Slinky:

In 1943, naval engineer Richard James was trying to develop a spring that would support and stabilize sensitive equipment on ships. When one of the springs accidentally fell off a shelf, it continued moving, and James got the idea for a toy. His wife Betty came up with the name, and when the Slinky made its debut in late 1945, James sold 400 of the bouncy toys in 90 minutes. Today, more than 250 million Slinkys have been sold worldwide.

Potato Chips:

If you are like me and can't eat just one potato chip, blame it on Chef George Crum. He reportedly created the salty snack in 1853 at Moon's Lake House near Saratoga Springs, New York. Fed up with a customer who continuously sent his fried potatoes back, complaining that they were soggy and not crunchy enough, Crum sliced the potatoes as thin as possible, fried them in hot grease, than doused them with salt. The customer loved them and "Saratoga Chips" quickly became a popular item on the menu. Eventually, the chips were mass-produced for home consumption, but since they were stored in barrels or tins, they quickly went stale. Then, in the 1920s, Laura Scudder invented the airtight bag by ironing together two pieces of waxed paper, thus keeping the chips fresh longer.

Play-Doh:

With just one smell, most people remember from childhood the odor of Play-Doh, the brightly colored, nontoxic modeling clay. Play-Doh was accidentally invented in 1955 by Joseph and Noah McVicker while trying to make wallpaper cleaner. It was marketed a year later by toy manufacturer Rainbow Crafts. More than 700 million pounds of Play-Doh have sold since then, but the recipe remains a secret.

So, the next time you're in the garage playing mad scientist think about what you could be making or how to use the mistakes you just made.

If you have comments or questions, you can contact me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net

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Legacy

Proverbs 13:22a "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children."

My Great-grandfather was a circuit riding preacher in the late 1800's. He was born in London, England, in 1846. At least part of his family moved to Canada, and then to the United States sometime around the Civil War. Sometime during those years, he came to accept Jesus as his Savior and felt that the Lord had called him to preach the gospel (good news of salvation from sin). His Bible was the Sunday School Teachers Edition developed in 1875, and it has notes from the publisher in it. The best parts for me, however, are the notes in his own hand, written in the margins and the back of his Bible. As he traveled by horse or buggy, he could carry only limited possessions. I have come to believe the notes in his Bible were sermon outlines that he used. The writing is small and worn beyond reading in some places, and although the leather cover is still there, many of the pages are loose. To me it could not be more precious. It is a legacy of faith passed on from a preceding generation. I have wondered if he prayed that some descendant of his would be a preacher. The Bible is around 125 years old, and his notes are still valuable and pertinent today. My Great-grandfather left me a legacy, an inheritance that for me is a moving testimony of one who served the Lord Jesus. What kind of legacy will we leave for our children or grandchildren? May your legacy be one that will give your descendants hope and strength.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

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38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing.[a] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38-42)

I'd like to relate a story from Steve Farrar's book titled, "Standing Tall: How a Man Can Protect His Family". It's about the leader of the now famous Crystal Cathedral, Dr. Robert Schuler.

Dr. Schuler was on a whirlwind book promotion tour visiting eight cities in four days. He was keeping an exhausting schedule in addition to maintaining his duties as pastor. And as he was going over his itinerary, his secretary reminded him that when they returned home, he was scheduled to have lunch with the winner of a charity raffle in which someone had paid $500 dollars for the privilege of sharing that lunch with the Doctor.

He was pleased that his presence was so highly valued, until he learned that it was his own daughter who had paid the $500 so she could have his undivided attention, even if only for an afternoon.

Sometimes we just don't have our priorities straight. In the passage from Luke, it was Martha's sense of duty that jumbled her priorities.

Martha was so concerned about making sure that everything was perfect for her guests that she neglected her guests. Instead of spending time with Jesus she was spending time with the pot roast that was roasting in the oven.

Our story today reminds us, that in every arena of life and especially that of our spiritual lives… things can get unbalanced. We can become so obsessed with the details that we fail to see what's really important, we fail to see the forest for the trees.

We need to learn to take time out from our 'Martha-ness' and learn to enjoy the 'better part' that was Mary. We need to take the time to get our priorities straight and put Jesus back in the center of our lives.

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