

# FACTS

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## And Baby Makes Three

Your life is perfect. Nice house, lots of free time, you're in love. Why leave well enough alone? If you're thinking about an addition to your household—and we're not talking about a new room—here's a helpful Q & A:

Q: Should I have a baby after 35?

A: No. 35 children are already too many.

Q: I'm two months pregnant. When will the baby move?

A: Right after college.

Q: What is the most common pregnancy craving?

A: For men to get pregnant.

Q: What is the most reliable method to determine a baby's sex?

A: Childbirth.

Q: The more pregnant I get, the more strangers smile at me. Why is that?

A: Because you're fatter than they are.

Q: My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she borders on irrational.

A: So what's your question?

Q: My childbirth instructor says it's not pain I'll feel during labor, but pressure. Is she right?

A: Yes—in the same way that a tornado might be called wind.

Q: When is the best time to get an epidural?

A: Right after you find out you're pregnant.

Q: I'm a bit sensitive. Is there any reason I have to be in the delivery room with my wife while she is in labor?

A: Not unless the word *alimony* means anything to you.

Q: I can't wait to have a conversation with my child. At what age are they able to communicate clearly?

A: Thirty-five.

Q: Is there anything I should avoid while recovering from childbirth?

A: Pregnancy.

Q: Our baby was born last week. When will my wife begin to feel normal again?

A: Congratulations. This is now normal.

Q: Do I have to have a baby shower?

A: Not if you keep him covered while you're changing him. ■

## Handyman Secrets Revealed!

It's like some people are born with it. They're not afraid to take a VCR completely apart, and always manage to get it back together with hardly any parts left over. We asked them to share some of their secrets.

1. If you can't find a screwdriver, use a knife. If you accidentally break off the tip, don't worry—now it's a screwdriver.
2. Try to work alone. An audience is rarely of any help.
3. If what you've done is stupid, but it works, then it isn't stupid.
4. Work in the kitchen whenever you can. Many fine tools are there, it's warm and dry, and you are close to a refrigerator.

5. If it's electronic, just go buy a new one.
6. Think simple: Get a new battery. Replace the bulb. Check the fuse. See if the tank is empty. Try turning the switch "on." Paint over it.
7. Take credit for miracles. If you dropped the alarm clock and it suddenly starts working, you fixed it.
8. Regardless of popular opinion, an experienced craftsman knows that kicking, pounding, swearing and throwing sometimes does help.
9. If something looks level, it is level.
10. If at first you don't succeed, it's okay to redefine success. ■



# Family Matters

## Called On The Carpet

They say nature abhors a vacuum. So do dogs. And husbands, for that matter. But without vacuum cleaners, it'd be a sick world out there.

The original dust remover wasn't a vacuum at all, but a blower that pumped air into the rug, throwing dirt up into the air, some of which was caught in a box. A lot of it settled back into the rug.

H. Cecil Booth saw a demo of the machine and wasn't impressed. Vacuum was the better answer, he thought, and tested his theory by putting his mouth up against the plush seat of a restaurant chair. He choked violently, but had his answer.

Booth spent hours laying on the floor with various materials over his mouth, sucking air from the carpet. The best filter turned out to be his cloth handkerchief.

His first machine required two operators: one to man the long hose, and another to steer the refrigerator-sized unit around on a dolly. He wheeled it down the street from restaurant to theater to workshop, hauling off

literally tons of germ-laden dust. One of his first jobs was to clean the huge blue carpet of Westminster Abbey for the 1901 coronation of Edward VII. The staff gaped in disbelief as load after load of dirt was dumped out.

During World War I, naval reserve men housed in London's famous Crystal Palace began falling ill and dying of spotted fever. Doctors, unable to stop the epidemic, suspected that germs were traveling on dust. Several of Booth's machines were shipped in, and twenty-six truckloads of dirt drawn from the floors and furniture were carted away. The vacuum cleaner ended the epidemic. ■

## Roll On!

65% of people with a master's degree read in the bathroom. 56% of college grads do, and half of high school grads do. So—don't just sit there.

54% of Americans fold or stack their toilet tissue; 35% are wadders.

7% steal rolls of toilet paper from hotels.

60% prefer that their toilet paper roll out over the front, 29% like it to go down the back. The rest don't care.

*Statistics courtesy of Scott Paper Company*

## Desk Calendars

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# When you need a push...

Sometimes you can coast by. And sometimes you need a little push.

Take a look at your letterhead. Was it the height of style a generation ago? Maybe it's time for a little lift. There's nothing wrong with looking old-fashioned. We just don't want you to look like you've lost your swing.



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## Dating versus Marriage: A Primer

It's all fun and games, until somebody puts a proposal out...

### DATING

### MARRIAGE

"You take my breath away."	"I feel like I'm suffocating."
"I love the way he takes control."	"He's controlling and manipulative."
Lucy and Ricky	Fred and Ethel
<i>Saturday Night Fever</i>	<i>Monday Night Football</i>
"He makes me feel like a million dollars."	"If I had a dime for every stupid thing..."
"We agree on everything!"	"Doesn't she have a mind of her own?"
"He's lost without me."	"Why won't he ever ask for directions?"
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	<i>The Sound of Silence</i>
"I love a woman with curves."	"I didn't say you were fat!"
Oysters	Fish sticks



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