



#### did you know that ...

On Valentine's Day, nearly 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S.

More than 500 billion cups of coffee are consumed each year, making coffee the world's most popular beverage. It is also the world's most traded commodity, after crude oil.

Las Vegas is the top wedding destination with over 100,000 weddings a year, followed by Hawaii at 25,000 weddings a year.

It takes approximately 400 cacao beans to make one pound of chocolate.

The first soup was made from hippopotamus and dates back to 6000 B.C.

An estimated 85% of tea that is consumed in the United States is iced tea.

Under the oceans, there are the earth's largest mountain ranges that circle the planet like the stitching on a baseball.

The first person to look into space with a telescope was Galileo, nearly 400 years ago.

Today, Coca-Cola and PepsiCo products are sold in every country in the world, except North Korea.

The Romans were the first to stamp the image of a living person on a coin. After winning in war, Julius Caesar featured his portrait on a coin in 44 B.C.

Before the adoption of the Gregorian calender, Groundhog Day was observed on February 14. The Right Connection® Dixon Valve & Coupling Company 800 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620

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## Product Spotlight

### Industrial Washdown Nozzles

• Brass

Application:

- Size:
- Material:
- Features:
- Delivers  $30^{\circ}$   $60^{\circ}$   $90^{\circ}$  fog pattern

Used in water washdown applications.

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" NPSH or NST (NH) threads

• Shut off- straight stream- fog

- Supplied with bumper
- 88 (+/-12) GPM @ 100 PSI set at 90° spray
- Weighs 1.5 lbs
- $\bullet$  For use up to 100 PSI (water only) at 70° F (21° C)



For additional information, please call Dixon at 877.963.4966, or visit dixonvalve.com

## Dates in History

- 1883 On February 5th, the Southern Pacific Railroad completed its transcontinental "Sunset Route" from New Orleans to California, consolidating its dominance over rail traffic to the Pacific.
- 1903 On February 15th, toy store owner and inventor, Morris Michtom, placed two stuffed bears in his show window advertising them as Teddy Bears. Michtom had earlier petitioned President Theodore Roosevelt for permission to use his nickname, Teddy. The president agreed and before long, other toy manufactureres began turning out copies of Michtom's stuffed bears.
- 1929 On February 14th, Sir Alexander Fleming, a young bacteriologist, accidentally discovered penicillin. Having left a plate of staphylococcus bacteria uncovered, Fleming noticed that a mold had fallen on the culture and killed many of the bacteria.
- 1942 On February 9th, Congress pushed ahead standard time for the United States by one hour in each time zone, imposing daylight saving time-called at the time "war time." Daylight saving time, suggested by

President Roosevelt, was imposed to conserve fuel, and can be traced back to World War I, when Congress imposed a standard time on the United States to enable the country to better utilize resources.

## On the Lighter Side

Sandy and Norman were in despair. Their 3 year old son Timmy still had not learned how to talk. Not a word had escaped through those now 3 year old lips. One night at dinner, Timmy took a taste of his pie, and to their utter surprise and amazement said, "You call this pie? It tastes like some tasteless mush!" Sandy and Norman sat there in shock, for this was not just their son's first sentence, but the first words he ever uttered! Once the initial shock had subsided Norman asked, "Tell me Timmy, how come you never spoke until now?" "I never had any reason to" explained Timmy. "Everything was always fine."

John angrily looked at the text he had just received from his Mom. It read: "Professor called to say you failed the course. LOL. Mom." How could he have failed?! ... And all his Mom has to say is that she's Laughing Out Loud?! Fed up, he texted his Mom: "What was up with the LOL?" his text said. "I just wanted to send you Lot's Of Love because I know how disappointed you must be."

Sam walks into his boss's office. "Sir, I'll be straight with you, I know the economy isn't great, but I have three companies after me, and I would like to respectfully ask for a raise." After a few minutes of haggling, the boss finally agrees to a 5% raise, and Sam happily gets up to leave.

"By the way," asks the boss as Sam is getting up, "which three companies are after you?" "The electric company, water company, and phone company", Sam replied.

Q. Why is it so hard to play poker in the jungle? A. Because there are so many cheetahs!