

Thoughts and Smiles – July 1, 2024

Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.

Here are some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

Ready? Here we go: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie . We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers!

Jumping Jehoshaphat!

Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley ; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of

being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when was the last time anything was swell?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!"

We realize that the words we were raised with, the words that felt ever-present, like oxygen, have disappeared with hardly a whisper from our mouths and our writing tools.

Poof, go the words of our youth. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain.

Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile. Oki-Doki artichokey!





"This school year, one of my students had a hard time not being able to take his teddy bear into school. It's his comfort zone. So I told him he could leave him on the bus and I will keep him buckled in and watch over him while he's in school. The first day he came onto the bus, I told him how Mr. Bear and I spent all day shopping and that I bought him a new pair of swim trunks. He was so excited that the next day he buckled up Mr. Bear and when he got onto the bus in the afternoon he said 'What did you and Mr. Bear do today?!' With excitement, I told him how we went to a water park and what we ate. Now everyday he looks forward to hearing about our adventures and does not have a hard time going into school and leaving him behind."

- Jasmine Basham



"In the back garden, we used to grow tomato plants, but she died about 18 months ago, so I stopped growing them. She was a month younger than me, and I was already surprised that she passed away before me, so I was just waiting for my turn. A few months later, my neighbour arrived with a box of tomato plants, about 12 little sprouts, and he said they're not giving up on me. I was looking down



at these little sprouts and thinking, how the hell am I going to plant them if I can't even bend down anymore? Anyway, I thought I'd give it a try! I spent half the day in the glasshouse planting them. They're about 16 inches high now, and the tomatoes are beautiful on them. I started to grow these new ones as well — what do you call them? Cherry tomatoes. Honestly, I didn't think I'd see Dun Laoghaire harbour again, but my son and his wife forced me out here. They went for a walk, but they bought me tea and ice cream, and now that I'm here, I feel happy."





When you finally pay
all your debts and start
enjoying your youth



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A little bit parent,
A little bit teacher,
A little bit best friends,
and of course, a little bit
partner in crime.



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Blessings to you all!

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