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The Americans and the Queen

American history is closely intertwined with England. To this day, the two countries retain a mutual respect for one another. In addition, Americans have always respected the Royal Family, especially the late Queen Elizabeth, which makes this true story about the Queen all the more humorous.

Around 2005, the Queen and her Personal Protection Officer, Dick Griffin, were walking alone one afternoon in the hills near the Scottish royal castle, Balmoral.

Two tourists approached them and engaged in conversation.

Griffin recalls: "There were two hikers coming towards us, and the Queen would always stop and say hello. They were two Americans on a walking holiday.

"It was clear from the moment we stopped that they hadn't recognized the Queen, which was fine.

"The American gentleman was telling the Queen where they came from, where they were going next, and where they'd been in Britain.

"I could see it coming, and sure enough, he said to Her Majesty: 'And where do you live?'



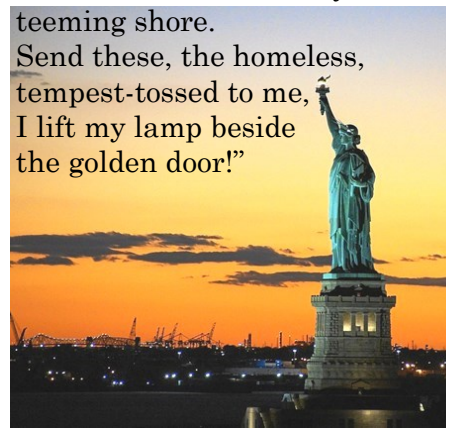
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The Colossus

—by Emma Lazarus

Emma Lazarus was a prolific poet as well as a translator of both French and German poets; she published several books during her lifetime. Lazarus is best known today for her poem "The New Colossus," which is engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty and helped define the statue as a welcoming symbol of the U.S. Her words are worth hearing again this year on the Fourth:

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!"
cries she with silent lips.
"Give me your tired, your poor,
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(The Americans and the Queen—Continued from Page 1)

“She replied: ‘Well I live in London, but I’ve got a holiday home just the other side of the hills.’

“He said: ‘How long have you been coming up here?’

“She replied: ‘I’ve been coming up here ever since I was a little girl, so over 80 years.’



“You could see the cogs whirring, so he said: ‘Well, if you’ve been coming up here for over 80 years, you must have met the Queen.’

“Quick as a flash, she said: ‘I haven’t, but Dick here meets her regularly.’

The hiker then asked Griffin what the monarch was like in person.

“Because I was with her a long time, and I knew I could pull her leg, I said: ‘Oh, she can be very cantankerous at times, but she’s

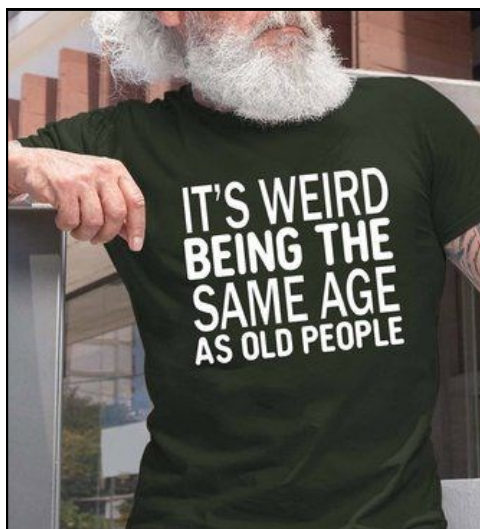
got a lovely sense of humour.’

The next thing I knew, this guy comes round, puts his arm around my shoulder, and before I could see what was happening, GIVES HIS CAMERA TO THE QUEEN, and says: ‘Can you take a picture of the two of us?’

“Then we swapped places, and I TOOK A PICTURE OF THEM WITH THE QUEEN.

“And we never let on, and we waved goodbye.

“Afterwards, Her Majesty said to me: ‘I’d love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to his friends in America, and hopefully someone tells him who I am’.”



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After 37 years of marriage, Jake left his wife for his young secretary, Bobbi. His new girlfriend demanded that they live in Jake and Edith's multi-million-dollar home, and since Jake's lawyers were a little better, he prevailed. He gave Edith, his now ex-wife, just three days to move out.

Edith spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes, crates, and suitcases. On the second day, she had movers come and collect her things. On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table and feasted on shrimp and caviar.

When she had finished, she went into every room and stuffed half-eaten shrimp shells dipped in caviar into the hollow of all the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

When Jake returned with Bobbi, all was bliss for the first few days. Then slowly, the house began to smell. They tried everything: cleaning, mopping, and airing the place out. Vents were checked for dead rodents, and carpets were cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere.



Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days. In the end, they even replaced the expensive wool carpeting. Nothing worked.

People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit. Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house. Word got out, and eventually, even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

Edith called Jake and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about one-tenth of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within the hour, his lawyers delivered the paperwork.

A week later, Jake and Bobbi stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home, including the curtain rods.



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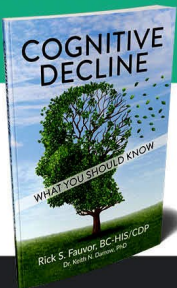
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- ◆ The sincerity of a husband is known during the sickness of his wife.
- ◆ The sincerity of a wife is known during the financial difficulties of her husband.
- ◆ The true love of a child is known during the old age of their parents.
- ◆ The true nature of siblings is known during the sharing of inheritance.
- ◆ The sincerity of friends is known during good times and hard times.
- ◆ The sincerity of relatives is known when one is lonely, sick or far from home.
- ◆ True love is known when their caring actions will result in no benefit to themselves



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Milestones



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Don & Amanda Baumberger
July 20, 1957—67 years
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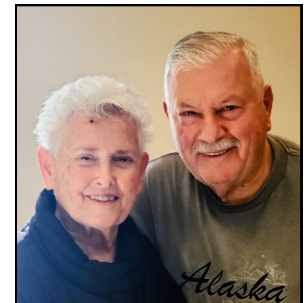


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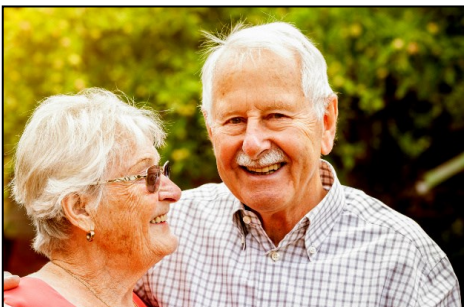
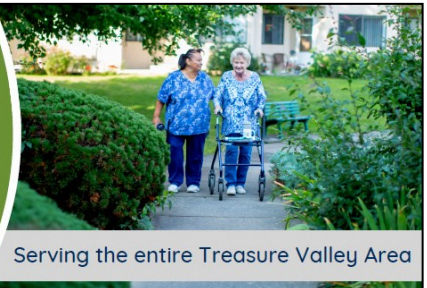
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“With that INSult, you inSULT my intelligence.”

“The SUSpect was unarmed, I susPECT,”

“The organized PROtest brought out many disgruntled citizens to proTEST the new law.”

“The new CONvert went out on the street to try and conVERT others.

Quotes from History Not Found in Textbooks



• In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

-- John Adams

• I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- Winston Churchill

• Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

--James Bovard

• Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

-- P.J. O'Rourke

• Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

--Ronald Reagan

• I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. -

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If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a staff meeting.

This morning I accidentally used my dog's shampoo. Now I feel like such a good boy.

Some call it multi-tasking. I call it doing something else until I remember why I came into the room in the first place.

I had a happy childhood. My dad used to put me in a tire and roll me down the hill. Those were Goodyears.

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"Turn them. TURN THEM OVER NOW!

"We need more butter. THEY'RE GOING TO STICK! Careful! BE CAREFUL! You never listen to me when you're cooking! Never!

"Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt! USE THE SALT!

His wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

Her husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

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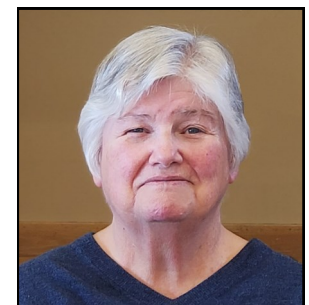
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