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## KIMBALL'S KRONICLE

### The Rules of Chocolate

If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly. Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as a fruit. So eat as many as you want.

**The Problem:** How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

**The Solution:** Eat it in the parking lot.

**Diet tip:** Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

If you can't eat all of your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all of your chocolates, what's wrong with you?

If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

Money talks. Chocolate sings.

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one wants to quit!

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean=vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake.



### On a Lane in Spring By John Clare

A little lane, the brook runs close beside  
And spangles in the sunshine while the fish glide swiftly by  
And hedges leafing with the green spring tide  
From out their greenery the old birds fly  
And chirp and whistle in the morning sun  
The pilewort glitters 'neath the pale blue sky  
The little robin has its nest begun  
And grass green linnets round the bushes fly  
How mild the spring comes in; the daisy buds  
Life up their golden blossoms to the sky  
How lovely are the pingles and the woods  
Here a beetle runs; and there a fly  
Rests on the Arum leaf in bottle green  
And all the spring in this sweet lane is seen

### I've Learned

I've learned that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies (or grandbabies) and feeling their breath on your cheeks.

I've learned that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

### What do you think about taxes?

One difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin.

*Mark Twain*

The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has.

*Will Rogers*

It is more deductible to give than to receive.

*Henry Leabo*

An income tax form is like a laundry list – either way, you lose your shirt.

*Fred Allen*

## The Lighter Side

John visited his 90-year-old grandpa who lived way out in the country. On the first morning of the visit, John's grandpa prepared a breakfast of bacon and eggs. John noticed a film-like substance on his plate, and asked, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandpa replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal."

For lunch, Grandpa made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have specks of dried egg on it. "Are you sure these plates are clean?" he asked.

Without looking up, Grandpa said, "I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them!"

Later, as John was leaving, his grandpa's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass.

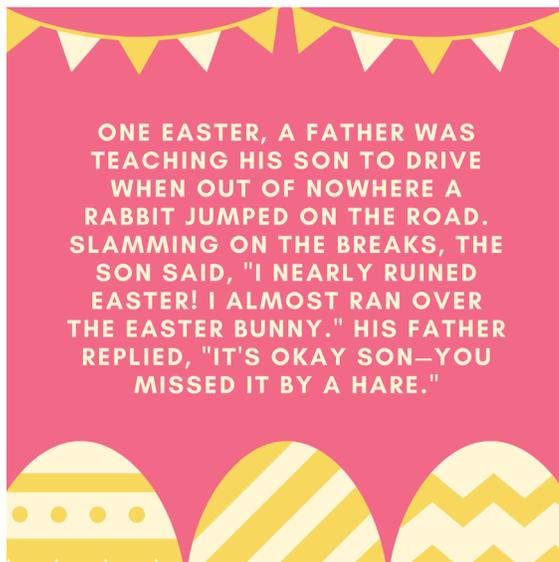
John said, "Grandpa, your dog won't let me get by!"

Grandpa yelled to the dog, "Cold Water, go lie down!"



## Grandmother's Meatloaf

A recent bride called her mother one evening in tears. "Oh, Mom, I tried to make Grandmother's meatloaf for dinner tonight, and it's just awful! I followed the recipe exactly, and I know I have the recipe right because it's the one you gave me. But it just didn't come out right, and I'm so upset. I wanted this to be so special for George because he loves meatloaf. What could have gone wrong?" Her mother replied soothingly, "Well, dear, let's go through the recipe. You read it out loud and tell me exactly what you did at each step, and together we'll figure it out." "OK," the bride sniffled. "Well, it starts out, 'Take fifty cents worth of ground beef.....'"



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A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

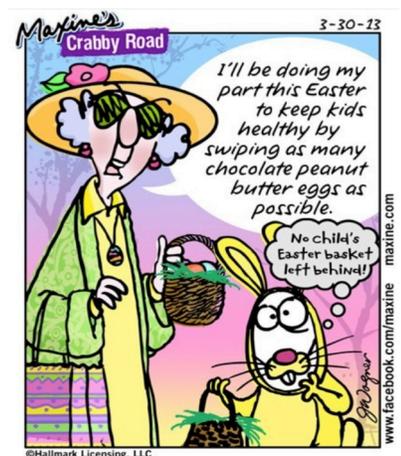
The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.



## Baseball Doctor

As the manager of our hospital's softball team, I was responsible for returning equipment to the proper owners at the end of the season. When I walked into the surgery department carrying a bat that belonged to one of the surgeons, I passed several patients and their families in a waiting area. I heard one man say to his wife, "Look, honey, here comes the anesthesiologist."



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