The world's earliest known plank-built ship, made from cedar and sycamore wood and dated to 2600 BC, was discovered next to the Great Pyramid in 1952.

The bee hummingbird of Cuba is the smallest bird in the world.

The muscle that lets your eye blink is the fastest muscle in your body. It allows you to blink 5 times a second. On average, you blink 15,000 times a day. Women blink twice as much as men.

Sound travels through water 3 times faster than through air.

The sailfish is the fastest swimmer, reaching 68 mph.

In 1913, the Russian Airline became the first to introduce a toilet on board.

The years 1899 and 1900 were the high point of electric cars in America, as they outsold all other types of cars.

Summer on Uranus lasts for 21 years - but so does winter.

A giraffe can clean its ears with its 20" tongue.

Earth is the densest planet in the solar system and the only one not named after a god.

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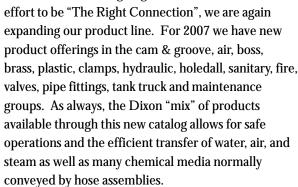
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Company News

New Dixon Price List

We will be mailing the 2007 Dixon Price List (DPL107) this month. In an ongoing



The new DPL showcases the fittings and accessories that are stocked and ready for shipment from our twelve branch locations in the United States or three locations in Canada. Having the right part at the right place at the right time will always be our goal.

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Dates in **History**

1796 On December 18th, the 1st newspaper to appear on Sunday was the Baltimore Monitor.

 $\begin{array}{cc} \textbf{1825} & \text{On December 16th, the Erie Canal} \\ \text{opened.} \end{array}$

1893 On December 5th, the 1st electric car, (built in Toronto), could go 15 miles between charges.

1927 On December 2nd, the 1st Model A Ford sold for \$385.

1939 On December 15th, the 1st commercial manufacture of nylon yarn took place in Seaford, Delware.

1966 On December 18th, Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" aired for the 1st time on CBS.

(www.scopesys.com)

On the Lighter Side

- "Do you live within your income?"
 "Good heavens, no! It's all I can do to live within my credit."
- Boss: "What's your excuse for being late this morning?"

Employee: "I overslept, sir."

Boss: "What?! Do you sleep at home as well?"

- "Here's one name on the committee that I've never heard of."
 "Oh, that's probably the person who actually does the work."
- "Do you know any reliable rule for estimating the cost of living?"
 "Yes. Take your income and add 25 percent."
- If a politician tells a lie under oath, it's perjury.
 Any other time it's a campaign promise.
- I see evidence that things are getting worse in the banking industry. The other day I went into my bank and asked the teller to check my balance.
 She leaned out and pushed me.
- I'm afraid I'm going to have to have another man-to-man talk with my teenage son. I've forgotten some of what he told me.