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*Mark and Family*     *David and Sherry*

## A Woman's Sixth Sense

I think women have at least one extra sense that men can never understand.

On the Friday before Christmas, I visited a local jewelry store for one last gift for Sherry. I was focused on a necklace and earrings. While looking at several different styles, I picked one up for a closer look. It was nice. "Maybe that's the one" I thought.

That's when a tall attractive lady walked up to me and said, "She will like that one."

Now understand, I didn't know this uninhibited lady with short blonde hair. She was about my age, and I thought her advice might be useful. She took that long necklace out of my hand and modeled it all the way down the front of her sweater. It all looked nice.

I finished my selection and handed my items to the clerk for wrapping. As I'm waiting, the lady walked up to me and extended her arms for a goodbye hug. She wished me luck and I thanked her for the help.

My years of avoiding unwanted displays of affection were about over. It was one of those slow-motion moments. But my mind was on the mechanics of a hug aimed directly toward my left shoulder. You see, my left shoulder and

my rotator cuff had not fully healed after my shoulder replacement surgery in October. I can lift my left arm about waist high - sometimes with pain and weakness. And I don't always know where my arm is going when I lift it.

All I could think of was whether I could move my arm up and over her derriere without an awkward moment followed by an apology. I was fully prepared to unbutton my shirt and show her my scar to prove my surgery.

As it turned out, my arm made it up and over her rear and to the small of her back. We completed the full frontal hug, said our goodbyes and she walked out. That was weird.

I'm not the type to keep things from Sherry. But I didn't want to mention this incident until after Christmas so she wouldn't get a hint of my Christmas gift for her. After all, the incident was no big deal (really it wasn't).

When I arrived home after my shopping, Sherry was preparing food for our annual family Christmas party the next day. I was helping her in the kitchen. We were both moving around each other, from the refrigerator to the counter and to the sink.

Suddenly, Sherry stopped and looked

me in the eyes and asked, "What's that perfume I smell?"

Well there I was, caught in my second awkward moment of the day.

I knew at that moment that she smelled the scent of another woman on me. I was busted. And I had to fess up. So I explained the scent. I told her what happened and we both laughed (at least I did).

I don't recall smelling the lady's perfume when she hugged me. But Sherry smelled it on me. She even dug that shirt out of my Champion Cleaners laundry bag later that evening to check that scent again. Maybe I should have told her I was buying some perfume to explain the scent. But then I would have to buy her perfume for her - and I would have been lying. And I don't think on my feet that fast.

I'm glad I picked a different necklace than the one the lady modeled for me. I told Sherry about that decision also so she wouldn't return it to the store after Christmas.

Women have a sixth sense about these things. They also know their scents.

*David*



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

## BIT THE BULLET



**Meaning:** Accepting something difficult or unpleasant

**Origin:** There was no time to administer anesthesia before emergency surgery

during battle. The surgeon made patients bite down on a bullet in an attempt to distract them from the pain. In history, wooden sticks are known as billets, the stick-biting practice might have first been called ‘biting the billet’ which then modified to ‘biting the bullet’. Worth investigating certainly, but there are no records of the phrase ‘bite the billet’ can be found in historical newspapers and other records. Rudyard Kipling wrote a dialogue in the 1891 novel *The Light That Failed*: “Steady, Dickie, steady!” said the deep voice in his ear, and the grip tightened. ‘Bite on the bullet, old man, and don’t let them think you’re afraid.’

## BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER



**Meaning:** Family comes before everything else

**Origin:** In ancient Middle Eastern culture, blood rituals between men symbolized bonds that were far greater than those of family. The saying also has to do with “blood brothers,” because warriors who symbolically shared the blood they shed in battle together were said to have stronger bonds than biological brothers. The first example of the proverb ‘blood is

thicker than water’ that I can find in print in English is in Allan Ramsay’s *Collected Scots Proverbs*, 1737: “Blude’s thicker than water.” There are claims made that an earlier form of this phrase existing in Middle German in the 12th century and appear in Heinrich der Glîchezære’s epic *Reinhart Fuchs*, circa 1180. The English version of that text is translated as “I also hear it said, kin-blood is not spoiled by water.

## CLEANING OVEN RACKS

Great cooks know to clean their oven racks frequently. If you don’t, the food you spilled on the racks will build up over time. And when you are cooking that fresh meal, the smells from your old, caked-on food will blend with the new food and it just won’t taste as good as it could.

**Here’s an easy way to clean your oven racks:**

1. Mix some baking soda and white vinegar into a paste that is thick enough to stay on the rack
2. Place your oven rack in a large plastic garbage bag and apply the mixture to the rack while inside the bag
3. Repeat the process for the second rack
4. Let it sit overnight. Keep the racks in the bag.
5. The next morning wash off the mix – or even easier, wash the racks in the dishwasher

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# President's Day

President's Day is a United States Federal Holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February.

President's day was originally set to honor George Washington, the first President of the U.S. and Abraham Lincoln.

Since that time, President's Day is thought to honor all former presidents of the U.S. The Federal Holiday is still Washington's Birthday.





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- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

# Valentine's Day Jokes



I gave blood today. **It may not be the best Valentine's Day present but at least it came from the heart.**

What did the paper clip say to the magnet? **"I find you very attractive."**

What's the best part about Valentine's Day? **The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale.**

What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day? **A hug and a quiche!**

What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream? **"I'm sweet on you!"**

Knock, Knock! Who's there?  
**Olive. Olive who? Olive you!**

What did the elephant say to his girlfriend? **"I love you a ton!"**

## Time To Do This...

- ✓ Check for winter sales at your local garden center; you may find good deals on pots, planters, and tools.
- ✓ Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ✓ Time to purge your closet of all the clothes you haven't worn in a year.
- ✓ Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer.
- ✓ Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter.
- ✓ Check the water hoses on the washer, refrigerator icemaker & dishwasher.