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Getting Urine Out of a Mattress

Maybe it was old Uncle Charlie or maybe it was Marmaduke. But someone peed on your bed and now you have the stink of an outhouse and the yellow stain of a diaper on your mattress.

Getting the smell and stain of pee out of a mattress is not as hard as you might think. It takes a few steps but requires tools and products you probably have at home.

Remove those bed linens and put them in the washer so Marmaduke won't be encouraged to repeat the feat. If your comforter is involved, clean according to care label instructions.

To get started with cleaning the mattress, determine if the stain is still wet. Take a paper towel and blot on the stain. If the paper towel is wet, you need to first dry the stain. Begin with blotting the stain with a clean towel to soak up as much of the moisture as possible. Don't scrub the stain – just blot it.

Toss that towel into the wash so you don't use it again during this process.

Mix some liquid laundry detergent (the kind with enzymes if you have it) with distilled white vinegar and spray it on the urine stain. Allow it to soak in for five to ten minutes and then blot dry with a new, clean towel. Treat an area a little larger than the actual stain just to make sure you treat the entire area.

After soaking up the extra liquid, sprinkle some baking soda over the stain and leave it alone for several hours. Overnight would be even better. A little air circulation will also be helpful.

Next, vacuum up the baking soda and check the look and smell of the mattress. If the urine odor remains, repeat the process. You may need to repeat several times to remove the odor, especially if it's from a pet because pet pee is stronger than Uncle Charlie's pee (well, usually).

If the stain is set, try the baking soda

step again and use Uncle Charlie's old toothbrush to gently rub it into the stain. As the baking soda absorbs the liquid, it will turn dark. That's a good sign since it is absorbing the liquid. Vacuum the baking soda and repeat the process until the baking soda no longer darkens.

One last step to help remove the stain if it has not reduced to an acceptable level. Mix baking soda, hydrogen peroxide, and water. Spray it on the stain. Let it dry and then remove the residue with your vacuum cleaner.

Like stains in clothes, the sooner you treat it the better will be your success.

That's the best advice we can give you on this subject.

David

Any comments? Email me at David@ChampionCleaners.com



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

Burning The Midnight Oil



Meaning: To work late into the night. Originally this was by the light of an oil lamp or candle. More recently, the phrase is used figuratively, alluding back its use before electric lighting.

Origin: The English author Francis Quarles wrote in *Emblemes*, 1635: Wee spend our mid-day sweat, or mid-night oyle; Wee tyre the night in thought; the day in toyle.

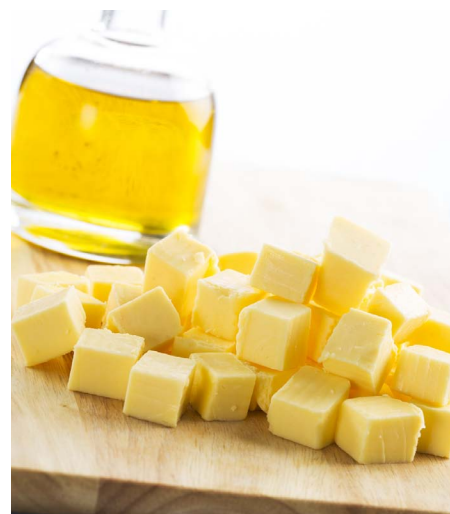
At that time there was a verb for working late by candlelight - elucubrate. Henry Cockram

defined that in his *The English dictionarie*, or an interpreter of hard English words, 1623: “Elucubrate, to doe a thing by candlelight.” Clearly, we no longer have much call for that word and it has fallen out of use. Although it is probably some years since anyone needed to do it in reality the phrase ‘burning the midnight oil’ is still in everyday use. Porter Wagoner and Dolly Parton released an album called *The Right Combination/ Burning the Midnight Oil*, in 1972.

Well, butter my butt and call me a biscuit!

Meaning: An expression of astonishment upon learning something unbelievable (usually positive).

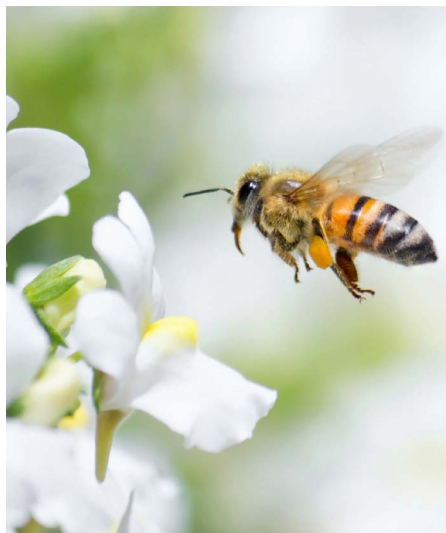
Origin: No one knows who first said this. But one thing we do know--it’s from the South. Here are some more colorful southern sayings: “Paint me green and call me a cucumber.” “Slap me with bread and call me a sandwich.” “Pin my tail and call me a donkey.” “Fry me in butter and call me a catfish.” “Saddle my back and call me a horse!”



Bees Knees

Meaning: Sweet and good. “You bought me a coffee? You’re the bee’s knees!”

Origin: The phrase “the bee’s knees”, meaning “the height of excellence”, became popular in the U.S. in the 1920s, along with “the cat’s whiskers” (possibly from the use of these in radio crystal sets), “the cat’s pajamas” (pajamas were still new enough to be daring), and similar phrases that didn’t endure: “the eel’s ankle”, “the elephant’s instep”, “the snake’s hip” and “the capybara’s spats”. The phrase’s actual origin has not been determined, but several theories include “b’s and e’s” (short for “be-alls and end-alls”) and a corruption of “business” (“It’s the beezness.”).



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Happy Father's Day



Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there.

The idea of a special day to honor fathers and celebrate fatherhood inspired by the American Mother's Day celebrations to plan a day to honor fathers.

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- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
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- ▶ The Interpretation of Geological Time from the Evidence of Fossilised Elephant Droppings in Eastern Europe
- ▶ Big and Very Big Hole Drilling

Time To Do This...

- ✓ Clean the gutters and consider gutter guards.
- ✓ Wash the washer and dryer.
- ✓ Update first aid kits for summer adventures.
- ✓ Get outdoor gear ready.
- ✓ Prep the swimming pool.
- ✓ Repair and seal fences and garden structures.
- ✓ Put in screen doors.
- ✓ Switch the direction of fans.
- ✓ Plan some patio sitting time.
- ✓ Make a summer to-do list.