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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Causing a Stink

Sherry told me that I made a bad odor.

I didn't take it personal. After all, we've been married now for 53 years so she can call me pretty much whatever she wants.

She wasn't saying that I stink. She was saying the dishrag I was using to wash the dishes smelled bad.

Fortunately for me (and most other men my age), my sense of smell is but another part of me that doesn't work well anymore. The stench never caused my olfactory bulb to light up like it did Sherry's, so I had to find a solution.

I started by washing and rinsing my cotton dishcloth several times and wringing it out thoroughly. But she said it still stank. I allowed the rag to dry overnight and it was without odor the next morning. But after I dunked it in water, the stink was back.

Why Does a Dishrag Stink?

I started thinking through the problem and concluded that there are several reasons behind the malodorous dishrag.

I knew the odor was due to the moist environment a dishcloth lives in. My first thought was that the aroma was caused by not washing the dishrag often enough. A dishrag picks up bacteria and food particles from your plates. If

these fugitives are not rinsed away after each use, the hitchhikers will start to decompose and produce a foul odor.

Dishrags will also smell bad if they aren't dried properly. After washing a dishrag it's important to dry it completely. Just wring it out and hang it up to dry. If you leave it wet where it can't dry quickly, the dishrag will mildew and develop that barnyard bouquet.

Finally, dishrags might also reek if they aren't made of the right material. Cotton works well but some cotton dishrags are more prone to absorbing bacteria and food particles. The thicker the dishrags, the deeper the bacteria and food particles absorb into the fabric and the longer it takes to dry.

How to Remove the Smell from Dishrags

- First, make sure to wash your dishrags regularly as part of your routine wash day chores. Use hot, soapy water and mild disinfectant then rinse thoroughly. If they are really bad, soak them for a while in soapy water and disinfectant. Wash and dry dishrags separately from clothes and towels so you don't cross contaminate them.
- Second, wring it out and hang it to dry so air can get to it. This will help to prevent the mildew. Avoid hanging the

cloth over the solid divider in a double sink where it won't dry quickly. This was the main mistake I was making.

- Third, choose dishcloths that are made of material that is less likely to absorb bacteria and food particles. Cotton is a good choice, but a microfiber might be better. Microfiber will remove food from your dishes and pans as effectively as cotton. The advantage of microfiber is that dries out quicker. There are also silver infused dishrags which are presented as being a solution to the problem. I've not tried these but I'm more inclined to use microfiber or cotton and give the silver to Sherry.

I was thinking about giving Sherry some silver-infused dishrags for our anniversary. Sherry likes any kind of silver.

These tips should help you avoid causing a stink in your home. But a lot of things might stink at my home if I give a dishrag to Sherry for our anniversary in June.

David

Any comments? Email me at David@ChampionCleaners.com



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

KNUCKLE DOWN

Meaning: If someone says they're going to “knuckle down,” then that means they are going to get serious. They are done playing around!

Origin: The origin of this expression is not certain, however, there's a theory that alludes to the game of marbles as being responsible. Marbles have been enjoyed by children and even adults for a very long time now. In fact, there are examples of marbles that have been found that are said to be thousands of years old, from ancient Egypt. Here is the



basic gist of how marbles are played: It's a game about aiming and precision. The goal is to hit your opponents' marble with your own from a set distance. This is done by rolling the marble along the ground. When getting ready to roll the marble, the player puts their knuckles down to the ground (hence the phrase) in a fist-like fashion. Then, while holding

the marble in place with their bent index finger, they'll aim and flick it with their thumb. I'm not entirely sure if it's required for players to shoot with their knuckles down or if they can just roll it however they like. Anyways, the phrase goes back to at least the 18th century. It is written in a book called A New General English Dictionary; Peculiarly calculated for the Use and Improvement Of such as are unacquainted with the Learned Languages, which was first worked on by Thomas Dyche. Then later, it was finished by William Pardon around the

year 1740. A part of the book defines the words knuckle and knuckle down, and it reads like so, “To stoop, bend, yield, comply with, or submit to; and is a particular phrase used by lads, at a play called taw, wherein they frequently say, “knuckle down” to your taw, or fix your hand exactly in the place where your marble lies.”

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER



Meaning: When someone says “beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” it means that people may have differing opinions on what is beautiful. Indeed, what is pleasing to the eyes for one person might be ordinary or ugly to another; it's subjective.

Origin: Some sources, such as Wikipedia, say this expression originated in a novel by Margaret Wolfe Hamilton called Molly Bawn, 1878. However, We were able to find older citations of it. For example, this saying appears in The Gardener's Monthly and Horticulturist, Volume 16, 1874: “It is an old axiom, and well said, that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” The oldest citation we could find of the phrase in its current form is in a book called The Christian Miscellany, And Family Visiter, published by John Mason in 1863: “If there be any truth in the old saying, which, however, is generally quoted in a sense very wide of this mark, that ‘beauty is in the eye of the beholder.’” Thus, this phrase (in its current form) is at least 150 years old, and considering it's called an “old saying” in the quote above, it must be even older.

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Mother's Day

Mother's Day is centuries old. Mother's Day goes all the way back to ancient Greeks, where festivities were held to honor Rhea, the mother of the gods. When the English colonists settled in America, they discontinued Mother's Day because of lack of time. In 1872, Julia Ward Howe organized a day recognizing mothers. In 1907 Anna Jarvis, a schoolteacher in Philadelphia set up a national Mother's Day in honor of her mother. She solicited hundreds of legislators and businessmen to create a special day to honor mothers. Mother's Day is very popular and is celebrated all over the world. The second Sunday in May is now known as Mother's Day.

Remember your Mother this year!



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- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

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Mother's Day Jokes

- *Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?*
Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.
- *Erin: What did the mother bullet say to the daddy bullet?*
Fran: What?
Erin: "We're gonna have a BB!"
- *Elephant: Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?*
Hippo: I give up.
Elephant: Because their kids have to play inside!
- *Mother to son: I'm warning you. If you fall out of that tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me!*
- *A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"*

Time To Do This...

- ☒ Clean Garbage Disposal
- ☒ Have Air Conditioner Serviced
- ☒ Clean Glass on Windows and Doors
- ☒ Repair and Clean Window Screens
- ☒ Repair and Touch Up Siding and Trim
- ☒ Clean and Refinish Wood Deck
- ☒ Clean Outdoor Patio Furniture
- ☒ Maintain Lawn Mower