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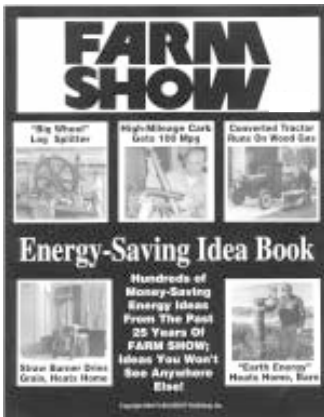
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The Story Of 'Taps'

It happened in 1862, during the Civil War. Union Army Capt. Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harris's Landing Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Capt. Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field.

Not knowing it was a Union Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern. Suddenly he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a military burial despite his enemy status. The Captain also asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son.

He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. The wish was granted. The music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals. These are the words to "Taps": *Day is done. Gone with the sun, from the lakes, from the hills, from the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.*



Boom mounts on wheelchair. Gun is balanced by lead weights and trigger is "pulled" by cable device that Simpson holds in his mouth.

Disabled Hunter Invents Shotgun Boom

Craig Simpson has hunted all his life, but 10 years ago he thought he'd never hunt again. Injuries suffered in a car accident left him a quadriplegic.

Simpson decided, however, that he was not going to give up the things he loves and with help from friends and an organization called Capable Partners, he's continued to hunt with shotguns and a crossbow from his power wheelchair. His wife and their 11-year old daughter are also hunters.

Because of his condition, Simpson can't hold a gun up to aim it or pull the trigger. But he can swing the gun if it's steadied so he developed a boom that, when attached to his wheelchair, holds the gun steady while he aims and shoots. It mounts on his wheelchair and is balanced by a set of weights that Simpson made by melting down lead tire weights.

He tried several different systems for pulling the trigger with his teeth and mouth. Finally, he hit on a design using a small cable from a radio-controlled airplane wing controller to a specially made mouth piece, with a spring between the trigger and trigger guard to bring the trigger back in place so it can be fired again.

"The mouthpiece is shaped like a duckbill, machined out of aluminum and fully adjustable for cable tension," says Simpson.

The cost for materials was only about \$150. Simpson notes that he's used his boom only with his shotgun, although it could be used with rifles and also crossbows. He says this type of boom is not currently being manufactured, so disabled hunters will need to make their own. "It would be hard to make one that could be sold widely, because of the difference in chairs and each individual's abilities," Simpson says. "I'm happy to share ideas on it with other disabled hunters who want to be able to enjoy hunting again and I have talked with friends and board members at Capable Partners about putting blueprints on our website." (Capable Partners' website is www.capablepartners.org.)

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Drinking From My Saucer

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now. But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough. But I've got loving ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong; my faith wore somewhat thin. But all at once the dark clouds broke, and sun peeped through again.

So Lord, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, When the way grows steep and rough. I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Anonymous



New Holland showed off its new combine for the first time in June at the Western Farm Progress Show in Regina, Saskatchewan.

New Holland Launches "Super Conventional" Combine

New Holland launched its long-rumored new line of "Super Conventional" combines at the recent Western Canada Farm Progress show. The combines feature space-age styling, with distinctive full-length, "gull-wing" side shields which provide quick, easy access for routine maintenance.

A company spokesman told FARM SHOW that two features stand out on the machine. The first is a threshing, separating, and cleaning system equipped with a new-style rotary separator. Located directly behind the large-diameter threshing cylinder and beater drum, the two-speed rotary separator separates nearly all the grain before it reaches the straw walkers.



New-style rotary separator (right) mounts behind a conventional cylinder (left), with a beater drum in between.

The second feature is a full-width grain pan and self-leveling cleaning shoe that disperses grain over the entire width of the cleaning sieves, even when working on slopes of up to 17 percent. The result is reduced grain loss when working on both level and hilly ground. In fact, the company says these machines have less grain loss than any other conventional combine in their class.

The straw walker area on both models has been greatly increased to maximize crop flow. New Holland mounted the machine's roomy cab on rubber silencer blocks in an attempt to reduce vibration and noise. The cab also features automatic climate control and a screen that monitors ground speed, threshing drum speed, header height, engine rpm's, engine load, straw walker and sieve performance, and other virtually all other aspects of machine performance.

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Words Of Wisdom

- Intelligence is a lot like money. If you don't let on to people how little you've got, most will assume you have a lot.
- Nobody has ever known a happy jogger.
- When you are twenty, you don't care what people think of you. When you are thirty, you care too much what people think of you. When you are fifty, you discover they weren't thinking of you.
- Perhaps the best way to get husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they're too old to do it.
- God never comes when you expect him to. But He's never late.