**Humorous Accidents**

**John Joseph Merlin had invented a faster way to move and decided to show off his invention at a large masquerade party. His invention was roller skates that he rolled around the room on while playing his violin. There was a slight problem in that he could not command his direction on the skates or his ability to stop. He skated into a mirror valued at $100,000 in todays dollars. John was wounded by the broken pieces of mirror and the violin broke.**

**At a football match in 1937 the team goalie stood in front of the net for fifteen minutes in the thick fog thinking his team was having a great offensive effort down field. Then out of the fog came a police office asking him what was he doing as the game had been called because of the fog.**

**Chief George Crum had a customer who kept sending back his potatoes demanding they should be thinner and fried more. After several trips the potatoes met with the delight of the customer; thus, the Potato Chip was created by a picky customer.**

**Be careful of what you asked for because in 2012 a couple decided to invite the Queen of Great Britain to their wedding. To their surprise their wedding was graced by Queen Elisabeth.**

**Protector and Gamble made a mistake in making soap batch and went ahead and sent the soap to market. Customers later wanted to buy the soap that floated and Proctor and Gamble had to go back and try to find the mistaken formula.**

**The Slinky was developed to help keep ships stable and one day the inventor, Richard James, knocked the spring off the table. He showed his wife the actions the spring did and she saw the invention as a toy.**

**Play-Doh was developed as a household cleaner for wallpaper when coal stoves were used. Then as coal was replaced the market began to fall and John McVicker was looking into how to save the struggling business when his sister-in-law Kay Zufall, a kindergarten teacher, saw its use as a toy. Not having money for advertisement, they went to a friend and had the toy used on the Captain Kangaroo show.**

**So next time consider your mistakes may be something positive.**