

Hands-On History Fun

Science Stuff:

Just for fun, try this experiment with static electricity.

One of the most outstanding scientists of all time was also a devout Christian. His name was Michael Faraday (1791–1867), and his special area of interest, which changed the world, was electricity.

You will need:

- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 plastic spoon

- Woolen cloth or yarn

Stir the salt and pepper together on a plate. Now, how on earth could you possibly separate them out again, back into their original state? Try this: Rub the spoon with wool. Then hold the spoon over the plate. What happens? Try holding the spoon closer to the mixture.

What happens now?

The explanation is that the plastic spoon becomes electrically charged when it is rubbed and attracts the pepper.

Fun Food to Fix:

Singapore Delight

The British Empire included many faraway, exotic places, which were very intriguing to the people of Europe. This pudding comes from an island known as Singapore, south of the Malay peninsula in Southeast Asia. It was once a part of the British colonies and continues to be a thriving center of commerce.

You will need:

- Instant coconut pudding
- 2 cups milk (or amount specified on box)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup crushed pineapple (topping)
- 3 tablespoons shredded coconut (topping)

Make the coconut pudding according to the directions on the box, adding the vanilla to the mix. When it is set, divide the pudding into four bowls, then top with the crushed pineapple and shredded coconut. It's GOOD!