**Food Changes**

**In the early nineteenth century, celery was a “classy” food. It was placed in the middle of the table as a centerpiece in a fancy pressed-glass celery vase. *(Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 241)***

**Coca-Cola was originally green! *(Kids’ Pages)***

**Coca Cola slogan from 1906: “The Great National Temperance Beverage.” (*Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Wise Up!, p. 258)***

**Grape-Nuts cereal was once advertised as an aid to maintaining sobriety. (*Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Wise Up!, p. 258)***

**Both Kellogg’s Corn Flakes and Graham Crackers were originally marketed as remedies for chronic masturbation. *(Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 161)***

**Ketchup was originally a Chinese medicine. *(Russ Edwards & Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Digest, p. 64)***

**Pepsi-Cola was invented by a young pharmacist named Caleb Bradham in 1898. Originally called “Brad’s Drink,” the beverage was first marketed as a digestive aid and energy booster; it was renamed Pepsi-Cola because of its pepsin and kola nut content. *(Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 20)***

**For hundreds of years, pizza was considered food for peasants. A form of**

**pizza called “focaccia” doesn’t use tomatoes and has been around for more than 3,000 years. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

**During the Alaskan Klondike gold rush, potatoes were so valued for their vitamin C content that miners traded gold for potatoes. *(Noel Botham, in The Amazing Book of Useless Information, p. 168)***

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