

1900s - 1910s - 1920s - 1930s - 1940s

## A FEW OF OUR

100 CREATIONS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

## FAVORITE THINGS

1950s - 1960s - 1970s - 1980s - 1990s

STATE HISTORICAL BUILDING

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From aerosol cans to zippers, these are 100 things that shaped our lives over the past 100 years.

Unlike the usual kind of exhibit with items grouped by themes or dates to tell a story, each of these 100 things is presented as historically important in itself. As part of the selection process, things were chosen that were new or primarily linked to the twentieth century. They represent items of technology or fads that had an impact on the lives of Iowans.

Project curator, Jack Lufkin says, "The featured array is a blender full of items of paramount significance, whimsical turns, and quirky stuff. Like a magazine with one hundred stories. You turn the page and you find a different story not necessarily linked to the one you just read. But taken together, they do relate in many ways, but you the viewer must make your own connections."

To The Delicate Balance

### BRING IN YOUR OWN "THINGS"

The "Things" exhibit spotlights 100 things selected by the State Historical Society as having a major impact on shaping our lives in the 20th Century.

Do you think we missed something and an important item was overlooked? Bring in your item and tell us why you think it was important. We will evaluate people's contributions and decide which ones will be displayed for six months. Visiting "things" will rotate every six months with mini opening ceremonies. Submission forms are at the Information Desk.

Atrium Entrance

# A

1. Aerosol Cans (1940s)
2. Air-Conditioners (1902)
3. Airplanes (1903)
4. Animal Vaccines
5. Antibiotics (1938)
6. Aspirin (1899)
7. Atomic Energy (1940s)
8. Automobiles (1890s)

# B

9. Band-Aids (1921)
10. Barbie Dolls (1959)
11. Basketball (1890s)
12. Blue Jeans (1860)
13. Breakfast Cereal (1890s)
14. Bubble Gum (1928)
15. Building Toys (Early 1900s)

# C

16. Chiropractic (Early 1900s)
17. Cigarettes (Early 1900s)
18. Comic Books (1938)
19. Compact Discs (1982)
20. Computers (1939)
21. Cosmetics and Perfumes (Early 1900s)
22. Crayons (1902)
23. Credit Cards (1950)
24. Crossword Puzzles (1913)

# D

25. DDT (1939)
26. Den-Tal-EZ Chairs (1958)
27. Diabetic Treatments (1920s)
28. Disposable Diapers (1961)

# E

29. Electric Guitars (1931)
30. Enriched and Sliced Bread (1940s)
31. Eskimo Pie (1921)

# F

32. Fast Foods (1920s)
33. Feminine Hygiene Products (1920s)
34. Fishing Gear (Mid-1920s)
35. Flapper Garb (1920s)
36. Flashlights (1898)
37. Frozen Foods (1920s)

# H

38. Hair Care Products (Early 1920s)
39. Hi-Fi's (Late 1920s)
38. Home Cameras (1900)
41. Hot Dogs (Early 1900s)
42. Hula Hoops (1958)
43. Hybrid corn (Early 1900s)

# J

44. Jazz Music (Early 1900s)
45. Jell-O (1897)

# L

46. LP Records (1948)
47. Lasers (1960s)
48. Legalized Gambling (1985)

# M

49. Machine Guns (1880s)
50. Microwave Ovens (1945)
51. Miniskirts (1965)
52. Monopoly (1933)
53. Movies (Early 1900s)

# N & O

54. Nylon (1937)
55. Opinion Polls (1930s)

# P

56. Pacemakers (1958)
57. Pajamas (Early 1900s)
58. Paper Cups (1908)
59. Paperback Books (1935)
60. Peanut Butter (Early 1900s)
61. The Pill (1960)
62. Plastics (1907)
63. Pocket Calculators (1970s)
64. Polio Vaccine (1955)
65. Polyester (1940)
66. Power Lawnmowers (1919)
67. Power Tools (Early 1900s)
68. Pre-Natal and Baby Care Products (Mid 1950's)
69. Processed Foods (Early 1900s)

# R

70. RADAR (1930s)
71. Radios (1901)
72. Recording Devices (Early 1900s)
73. Refrigerators (1918)
74. Roto-Rooter (1934)

# S

75. Safety Glass (1903)
76. Safety Razors (1903)
77. Self-Filling Fountain Pen (1908)
78. Skills Tests (1920s)
79. Sneakers (1917)
75. Soft Drinks (Late 1800s)
81. Soybean Products (1940s)
82. Space Rockets (1940s)
83. Stainless Steel (1920s)
84. Sunglasses (1930s)
85. Sweaters (1920s)
86. Swimwear (Early 1900s)

# T

87. T-shirts (1910s)
88. Teddy Bears (1902)
89. Telephones (1870s)
90. Televisions (1930s)
91. Toasters (1910s)
92. Tractors (1890s)
93. Transparent Tape (1930)

# V

94. VCRs (1950s)
95. Vacuum Cleaners (Early 1900s)
96. Vitamins (1910s)

# W

97. Washers and Dryers (1930s)
98. Wristwatches (Early 1900s)

# X & Z

99. X-rays (1895)
100. Zippers (1913)