

Fun with Soap

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Here is a very short story of soap. Soap is available in liquids, powders and solids. They all do the same thing on a variety of items, such as hair, skin, fur, dishes and other solid surfaces.

The other day, at the store, I was looking for some hand soap and some shampoo. Although with very little hair, there's a question whether I need shampoo or not. Perhaps I just need something to take the shine off!

Here are the names of some of the soaps I saw: Irish Spring, Cherry Blossom, Golden Wheat, Vanilla Honey, Banana Lemon, Peaches and Cream, Cool Mint, Cinnamon Spice, Coconut Milk, and dozens of others. All designed just to make us smell better! There was even a soap called Ivory, which I assume makes one smell like an elephant's tusk. Why is it, when we get out of the shower or bath, we don't want to smell like ourselves? For those few folks who *do* want to smell like themselves, there's a soap called Fragrance Free, but none of that soap had been taken from the shelves. I finally settled on a shampoo called Scotch and Soda. I like it very much! When I get out of the shower, smelling like Scotland, it makes me think about going to Glasgow, wearing kilts and playing the bagpipe. When we are through bathing, most of us want to be, as the old cliché says, "Clean as a whistle", whatever that means. Enough of this silliness. We all say, "A spade is a spade." Why can't we all say, "A soap is a soap?" You'll have to excuse me now, my kilt is in the dryer.

Happy soapsuds!