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Today is Clerihew Day, in honor of Edmund Clerihew Bentley, who found fame crafting humorous, four-line biographical poems. His first, published in 1905, is: Sir Humphry Davy / Abominated gravy. / He lived in the odium / Of having discovered sodium.

Eye in the Sky

1,400 years ago, a mysterious red glow appeared in the sky over Japan. It was called a “red sign,” a “red fan,” and a “pheasant’s tail.” Astronomers have puzzled over it for centuries. In the year 620 AD, it was considered an evil omen. Modern scientists first thought it was a comet’s tail, but tests proved otherwise. They now believe the spectacle was a rare red aurora, or a reddish Northern Lights. Earth’s magnetic North Pole was closer to Japan 1,400 years ago. Japan likely experienced the rare red aurora when a magnetic storm on the sun shot particles at Earth’s magnetic field, creating the red glow.

Word Scramble

V N E I C E

To show clearly or make obvious

ANSWER: EVINCE

Think-tionary

welkin

A. A short vest that reaches the mid-stomach

or

B. The sky or dome of heaven

ANSWER: B. In her time of need, she looked to the welkin and asked for help.

Toys of Yesteryear

In May of 1976, following the success of the *Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour* variety show, the Mego toy company introduced a Cher doll. Sure, Sonny had a doll, too, but the star of the line was Cher, and Mego was sure to include a huge line of clothing and accessories. The toy was launched in style with a 1,000-guest dinner and dance at New York’s Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. It was all worth it. In 1976, Cher’s sales beat out Barbie as best-selling doll.

