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On This Date

1637 – French Cardinal Richelieu invented the table knife by rounding off the points of the hunting daggers commonly used at the dinner table.

1905 – Seven-time boxing world heavyweight champion James J. Jeffries retired.

1938 – Louis Armstrong and his band recorded “When the Saints Go Marching In.” He had been playing the song at jazz funerals for years.

1960 – Swiss explorer Max Eiselin reached the summit of Dhaulagiri in the Himalayas. The Nepali peak is the seventh tallest in the world at 8,167 meters. Its name means “White Mountain” in Sanskrit.

You Don’t Say!

After the Norman Conquest in 1066, the French language replaced English in all powerful domains. French was used by the royal court, the clergy, the aristocracy, and in law courts. Even so, the population continued to speak English.

Quote of the Day

“There is only one valuable thing in art—the thing you cannot explain.”

~ *Georges Braque*

Happy Birthday!

Georges Braque (1882–1963) was a French painter who played an instrumental role in the development of modern art in the 20th century. Braque was part of the Fauvism movement before developing Cubism with fellow artist Pablo Picasso. Born into a family of successful house painters, Braque’s interest in art was influenced by his grandfather and father, who were both amateur artists. Many of his most famous paintings are still lifes, such as *Violin and Candlestick*, *Bottle and Fishes*, and *Plate and Fruit Dish*. He also worked in other mediums, including sculpture, printmaking, and collage.

