

# Minorcan Devilment

There were certain stories that came to our attention that would indicate a strong sense of humor and even, perhaps, devilment among the Minorcan descendants...such as...

- ❖ The uncle, who picked up the hobo on the highway between St. Augustine and Jacksonville, bought him a big meal and put him on all the rides at the boardwalk at Jacksonville Beach. After showing him Minorcan hospitality, he took the hobo back to the highway to continue his journey.
- ❖ That same uncle was seen procuring some cabbage from a farmer's field in Elkton, when he was buzzed by a crop-spraying plane. The observer couldn't believe a man his age and size could crawl so fast under his automobile. He was finally extracted, cabbage and all, with the help of several people.
- ❖ One creative uncle hot-wired a garbage can to discourage the dogs. Needless to say, he forgot it was plugged in when he went to put in the garbage. WOW!
- ❖ And there was the Minorcan boy who put sand in his father's new Overland automobile, the very first day he brought it home.
- ❖ The son who learned to drive by using the starter with the car in gear. His dad couldn't figure out why the battery was always dead.
- ❖ The brother who starched his sister's panties as a prank, only to discover his underwear was standing on its own, as retaliation.
- ❖ The uncle who rubbed his brother-in-law's lips with a Datil pepper while he was sleeping off a hangover. Needless to say, he awoke hollering for water.
- ❖ The sister, who while fixing her brother's school lunch, placed a piece of cloth between two slices of meat. The brother was horrified the next day while eating lunch with his buddies, when out came a mouthful of rag.
- ❖ The boys who moved a grouchy old neighbor's outhouse one Halloween night. When dad found out, they had to apologize and replace it. The dad was detected chuckling to himself.
- ❖ The mother who believed her son was going to be a priest after observing him celebrating Mass on a old pine stump in back of the house, using vanilla wafers and colored water, for the bread and wine. She never understood why he ended up a plumber instead of a priest.
- ❖ The nephew who accidentally hit a girl between the eyes with a baseball bat. Some believed it might have improved her looks somewhat.
- ❖ The Minorcan man who put 50 lbs. of oyster shells in his garbage can so he could watch the expression on the face of the garbage man when he tried to empty it.
- ❖ And the young man who fell in an abandoned well one night while coon hunting. A skunk was in the well and when he got home, he had to sleep outside and take several baths with Octagon soap.
- ❖ Or the grandfather, who fixed himself a beautiful stack of pancakes, buttered them up carefully, and while licking his lips, inadvertently poured liquid soap all over them. He demonstrated great constraint in front of his grand kids by only saying, "HELL!"

- ❖ And the son, who with his brothers help, jacked up the neighbor's car and put a soft drink crate under the rear axle. The neighbor thought he had a bad clutch!
- ❖ The uncle, who after a few too many, insisted on casting the shrimp net off the dock. Thirty minutes later his nephew caught a set of false teeth in the net. Yes, they belonged to the uncle. He didn't even miss them.
- ❖ The young Minorcan boy who accompanied his sister to the outhouse, holding the lantern. Then the little devil ran off with the light, hollering to his sister, "look out for the spiders!"
- ❖ The Minorcan carpenter, who built a coffin for a fellow's deceased wife, using as measurements, pieces of string the fellow had measured his wife with.
- ❖ The two brothers, who dressed up a third brother like a girl with two halves of the world globe and all, as a blind date for their buddy. They might have pulled it off if the buddy hadn't scared the sweet thing with his roaming hands.



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Moccasin Branch – Built in 1875.