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MOUSETRAPS AND MARSHMALLOWS

I am always interested in new products and sometimes I wonder where people come up with all these ideas? Sometimes I look at the new items on the market and wonder, “Why didn’t I think of that?”

Of course each new product I see I want to try and see if it is really handy. Of course, through the years I have spent mucho dollars on things I may have only used once.

While electronics are constantly being updated, one common item which received somewhat of a facelift is the mousetrap. The Victor Company has been making the little handy little traps for well over 100 years.

Most people that know me know that one of my biggest fears in the world is the mouse. I would rather face a deadly snake or grizzly bear than to have a mouse in my home.

The other day at a gathering I spotted a mousetrap. It looked funny because the cheese in it was bright yellow and shiny looking.

As I inspected it closer I was amazed to find out that it had holes in it and was made of plastic. I

do not know what would attract even a hungry mouse to this trap. If a mouse is out and about looking for a midnight snack it looks like they would be more attracted to the smell of peanut butter or cheese.

Even though the fake cheese is yellow I don't know if mice are colored blind or not, but if I were a mouse I doubt if I would fall for the fake cheese.

I will say one thing about the long standing innovative Victor Company. Someone said they had bought one of these new traps and it did say, “Made in America.”

Will I try one of these traps? Maybe if I see a mouse I will, otherwise, I believe I’ll pass.

Going to the grocery staore is one place where you can always find a new and improved product. New takes on old food products always makes me stop and decide if I want to stick with the old or go with the new.

One new take on an old food is miniature marshmallows. First of all, last week while grocery shopping, it took me at least 20 minutes to decide what brand and which kind of hot chocolate I wanted to try.

Even the old brands had so many different kinds and flavors that I just could not decide. After choosing a hot chocolate, I decided to get some marshmallows to put in it.

Wow! Lo, and behold, I saw little pink and white ones shaped like snowmen. The best thing was that they were peppermint flavored. I did not even stop and think about it, I wanted to try them. Those were mine.

I will say that the hot chocolate and peppermint flavored marshmallows make a great combination. Yum.

From mousetraps to marshmallows changes come each day. However, I have tried the marshmallows, but I am waiting on someone else to try the new trap and let me know what you catch.

The place where I did see the new mousetraps set did inform me they had caught a mouse and a mole so far. Maybe they do work.

Do you like trying new products? Do you think you could catch a mouse with a fake cheese trap? Do you want to try the peppermint marshmallows in your hot chocolate? Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.