

"STOP BLAMING US IRISH FOR EVERYTHING!"  
BY PADDY O'SALTY

WE DIDN'T DO IT, DAMMIT!  
They BLAME The WORSE FIRE IN  
AMERICA - The GREAT Chicago FIRE OF  
The 1870's - ON MRS. O'LEARY'S COW!

O'LEARY, you will NOTICE,

NOT MRS. SABATINI'S COW,

NOT MRS. COHENS COW,

oh, NO!

BUT MRS. O'LEARY'S COW GOT ALL THE BLAME!

FOR STARTING The GREAT Chicago FIRE,

They CLAIMED THAT MRS. O'LEARY HAD  
LEFT A KEROSENE LAMPS ON OUT IN  
her Chicago BARN.

AND THAT her COW MUST HAVE KICKED IT OVER.

Which IGNITED MRS. O'LEARY'S BARN,

Which IGNITED MRS. O'LEARY'S NEIGHBORHOOD,

Which IGNITED The NEIGHBORHOODS NEXT TO IT,

Which ENDED UP BURING DOWN MOST OF  
The CITY OF Chicago.

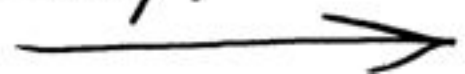
ALL BECAUSE OF A COW,

~~STUPID COW?~~ so They BLAMED The STUPID COW?

NOT AT ALL; They DIDN'T BLAME The COW,

The STUPID COW BEAT The RAP AND GOT  
OFF SCOT FREE;

They BLAMED POOR MRS. O'LEARY!



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SHE HAD TO TAKE THE FALL.

FOR THE STUPID COW.

IF, INDEED, IT EVEN WAS HER STUPID COW  
THAT BURNED DOWN CHICAGO, AND NOT  
SOMEBODY ELSE'S STUPID COW.

BECAUSE CHICAGO, AT THAT TIME, LIKE OTHER  
CITIES, WAS CHOCK FULL OF STUPID COWS.  
DAIRY BARN STORES HADN'T BEEN INVENTED YET.  
SO THEY ALL HAD LOTS OF STUPID COWS.

AND HORSES, AND CHICKENS.

THE HORSES THEY'D RIDE.

THE CHICKENS THEY'D EAT.

AND THE COWS THEY'D MILK.

BY KEROSENE LAMP AT 5 A.M.

MRS. O'LEARY AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT  
HAD A COW.

THIS IS ALL DOCUMENTED HISTORICAL FACT.

WHAT WAS NEVER DOCUMENTED,

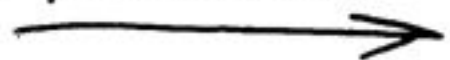
WHAT WAS NEVER PROVEN,

WAS THAT THE IRISH - IN THE PERSON OF  
MRS. O'LEARY - CAUSED THE GREAT  
CHICAGO FIRE.

THAT'S JUST ANTI-IRISH PROPAGANDA.

1800'S STYLE "BLAME THE IRISH" PROPAGANDA.

ALSO - TO BE PERFECTLY FAIR - IT WAS AND  
IS ANTI COW, ANTI COW PROPAGANDA.



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PUT ~~DOWN~~ OUT BY 1800'S DRUNKARDS THAT NEVER DRANK MILK.

SO THEY HAD NO USE FOR COWS,  
OR FOR ANYONE WHO WAS IRISH.

AND ESPECIALLY FOR IRISH WHO OWNED COWS,  
LIKE MRS. O'LEARY.

THEY WERE ~~PROBABLY~~ PROBABLY <sup>ALSO</sup> ~~WAS~~ PISSED OFF  
BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T PUT THE FIRE OUT.

BEING THAT THEY HAD NO FIRE HYDRANTS,

OR FIRE TRUCKS, OR FIRE DEPARTMENT,

WHAT THE IDIOTS HAD ~~WERE~~ WERE "VOLUNTEER  
BUCKET BRIGADES."

BUCKET BRIGADES!

WHICH MEANT, THAT WHEN THE FIRE

ALARM BELLS RANG IN THE MIDDLE

OF THE NIGHT, A WHOLE BUNCH OF

HUNGOVER GUYS CAME RUNNING OUT

IN THEIR LONG JOHN UNDERWEAR TO TRY

AND SAVE CHICAGO.

BY PASSING WOODEN BUCKETS OF WATER

FROM MAN TO MAN TO MAN.

MRS. O'LEARY'S COWS TRYING TO PISS OUT

THE FIRE WOULD HAVE BEEN AS EFFECTIVE!

POSSIBLY EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE.

BUCKET BRIGADES!

THE PRIMITIVE IRISH COW HATING



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Chicago S. O. B.'s AND THEIR DRUNKEN  
BUCKET BRIGADES WERE MORE STUPID  
THEN THE COWS.

AND THATS SAYING SOMETHING.  
AT LEAST THE STUPID COWS GAVE MILK.

WHAT DID THOSE 1800'S CHICAGO  
IGNORAMOUSES EVER GIVE?

BESIDES GREIF TO POOR MRS. O'LEARY?

IF THEY HAD TAKEN THEIR WOODEN BUCKETS,  
STUCK THEM ALL OVER THEIR OWN HEADS,  
AND RAN AROUND LIKE CHICKENS WITH  
THEIR HEADS CUT OFF THEY WOULD HAVE  
DONE AS MUCH GOOD SAVING CHICAGO.

TRY BLAMING THAT ON THE IRISH,  
OR ON MRS. O'LEARY.

OR ON SOME INNOCENT DUMB COW.

THEY THEMSELVS WERE TO BLAME!

BY IGNORING WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
SIMPLE COMMON SENSE EVEN IN THOSE DAYS;

Things

LIKE, DON'T ALLOW SO MANY WOODEN  
BUILDINGS (DUH, THEY BURN),

LIKE, HAVE A FULL TIME PROFFESIONAL  
PAID CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS ON DUTY.

AND NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON A STUPID COW.

PARTICULARLY WHEN THERES A LIT KEROSENE  
LAMP LYING AROUND (MRS. O'LEARY HEARTILY AGREES)

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