

## Not just for shaving



Those who have mastered shaving with a straight razor should achieve better results than with an electric razor or wet shaving with razor blades

barber - however: there are only around 1,200 people in Germany who practise this profession. You need a brush and soap - and a well-sharpened and honed razor. The specialist literature points out that razor burn can occur with blunt razors and/or insufficient hygiene; this is a severe skin irritation that leaves dark spots. Skin irritation should not be confused with pseudofolliculitis barbae and folliculitis barbae, both of which are inflammatory diseases of the skin - especially in people of subequatorial descent. Apple cider vinegar, camomile or aloe vera can help against razor burn after shaving.

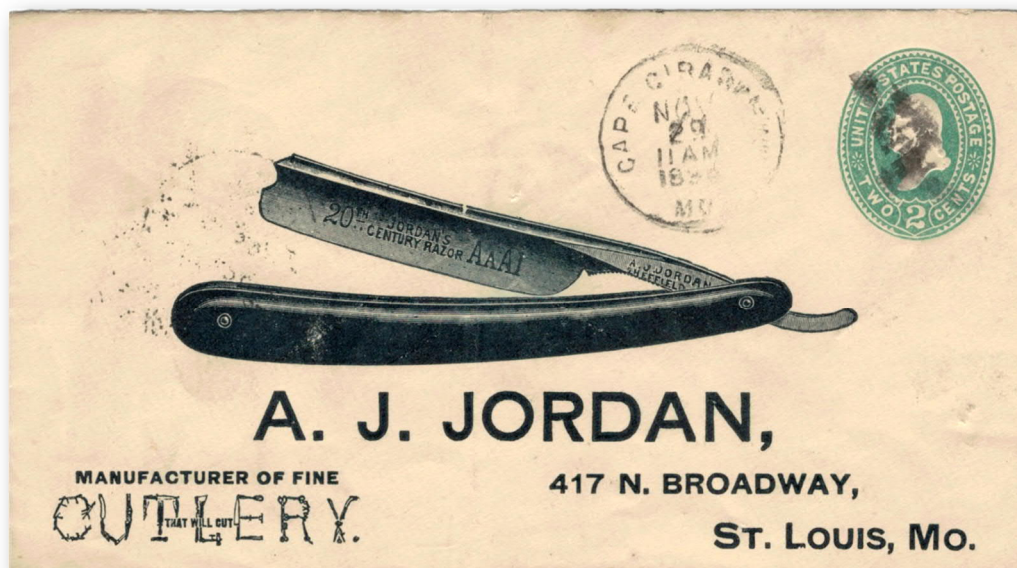
The French use an expression: ça me barbe! This translates roughly as: that shaves me, in other words: it bores me! Non-shavers and dry shavers may think that my article bores them too. Years ago I saw a calculation of how much time you can save if you don't shave every day for years. Guys, that's months of your life. I can recommend it to everyone from experience: stop shaving!

The world of a teenager becoming a man is also characterized by the need to shave one day. There are various ways to do this. Electric shaving is widely used, but this type of hair removal requires electricity. And this electricity is available in a variety of ways today - in batteries, for example - but also in the socket. It is a nasty slander to accuse someone of only knowing that the electricity comes from the socket. However, the user will only be interested in how to start up the shaver and whether the plug fits the socket.

A wet shave with a sharp razor is much easier - those who love comfort will have this done by a



Razors have been around for a very long time, as this find from the Bronze Age in Liechtenstein shows



US postal stationery as reply cover to Jordan in St. Louis, Missouri, possibly killer postmark.



Philately also knows razor blades: here is a so-called razor blade stamp from Switzerland

mistaken: razors play an incisive [sic!] role in world literature: we think of Edgar Allen Poe, the writer who

Nevertheless, I'll stick to the topic. Razors are a sharp thing. Anyone who thinks habaneros are the end of the line is



Varieties can also have something to do with shaving: here the well-known variety "shaving nik" on Queen Victoria's chin on a Canadian stamp (from: <https://www.arpinphilately.com>)

put bestial murders into words. His short story "*The Murders in the Rue Morgue*" describes how an Orangutan kills a woman while shaving.

- Friedrich Dürrenmatt breaks [sic!] a rule in "*The Promise*": the film of the book "*It Happened in Broad Daylight*" appears before his crime novel, in which a girl is found in the woods having been butchered with a razor.
- "*Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*" by James Malcolm Rymer and Thomas Peckett Prest: This story from Victorian England is about a barber named Sweeney Todd who eliminates his customers with a razor in order to make meat pies from the corpses.

- "*The Razor's Edge*" by W. Somerset Maugham: In this novel, a razor plays a symbolic role, as it becomes a tool of self-knowledge and spiritual quest for the main character Larry Darrell.

In our language, we associate "cutthroat" with a person who, armed with a razor, goes after a victim, like Naomie Harris in the film *Skyfall* works on the neck of Agent 007, James Bond, even though he has a license to kill. We are stirred, but the scalded are not shaken.

In English, we come across the term *Hanlon's Razor* - it describes a faulty attribution of cause and essentially says: "Do not attribute to malice what can be adequately explained by stupidity" Hanlon's Razor also serves to dismiss conspiracy theories based on stupidity rather than malice - in this regard Hanlon's Razor was made famous by Bernard Ingham, press spokesman for Margaret Thatcher, when he said: "Many journalists fall for the theory that there is a conspiracy behind the government. I assure you that they would do a better job if they thought there was a conspiracy instead", or 'conspiracy instead of conspiracy' for short..



Postal transport test flight Galway-Dublin-Berlin from 1932 to Ern Messerher-stellung in Solingen, who also produced razors

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