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## Ten things about your home that you may not know.

- 1. Your house has nearly a third of a million items in it from furniture to food. Declutter!
- 2. That space under your lower kitchen cabinets are designed so that cabinet doors can swing over your toes "the toe kick". In some newer houses, ingenious new drawers can be installed to take advantage of the unused space.
- 3. Your brass doorknobs may keep you healthy with the natural antibacterial effect of copper. Reminder: in cleaning your house, don't neglect the doorknobs.
- 4. Cutting surfaces in the kitchen can be up to 200 times dirtier than a bathroom. Always cut meats on a different surface that can be sterilised in the dishwasher. Bonus: naturally-derived cleaners such as baking soda and vinegar are stronger than most formulaic solvents.
- 5. Your staircase balusters are named after "balustra", an Italian word for pomegranate flowers. While spindles are typically less ornate today, the ornate shapes traditionally come from the shape of a pomegranate plant's red blossom.
- 6. Don't feel bad if your garage is so cluttered that your car doesn't fit. It is estimated that a quarter of homes have garages so packed with stuff that there wasn't room for a car.
- 7. Your home's double faucets were originally intended to prevent illness. The cold-water faucet was traditionally linked to the treated local water supply. The hot water faucet used to be connected to an open tank stored in the home's attic and heated separately.
- 8. Your thermostat's placement makes a huge difference. It actually measures the temperature where it is installed. Keep it in a hallway and away from direct sunlight, windows, or doors to the outside.
- 9. Your door's colour may increase the value of your home. According to some reports, homes with black, red or grey front doors fetched many thousands more than anticipated.
- 10. Your valuable home may have been built from a box. That stunning "Victorian" you live in might've been assembled from a kit. Many homes built between the 1910s and 1960s all across Canada were sold through a catalogue (Eaton's, Simpson's, or Sears) or packaged through an employer or (Alcan, Stelco, CP, etc.). Stairs, trim, doors, windows, plumbing and siding all were pre-cut and delivered to the site and were (and still are) identical from home to home in a neighbourhood.

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