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*Ottawa Outlook, nee North Hero News and World Review …. ……. Mostly stuff no one else would print.*

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**The Juky Letter.**

The subject heading on our July letter read *“Juky”* letter. Did this escape notice? Not quite. Very shortly up popped a *“Did you mean July letter?”* We responded with ashort apologetic explanation somewhat as follows.

Our letters are team endeavors. We get an idea. Ken writes a very drafty draft. Lucille goes thru it for three things: Blue pencil censorship, Grammar & Spelling. One thing which passes unseen by either Bill Gates or Lucille is the Email subject line. Hence, … Juky. Quite a weird set-up really. Here’s a Harvard graduate whose written English is atrocious, corrected by a Canadian who’s first language is French. Another possible point involved is that many Canadians might see this word and think nothing about it. The word Juke is not uncommon, as in hockey’s*, “He juked him right out of his skates.”*

Ah, as Liza Doolitle might say, *“words, words, words’*. How they can get us into trouble sometimes without even half trying. We’ve a kitchen faucet and it is getting hard to swivel the spout. The whole fixture swivels. To tighten nuts under sinks one needs a basin wrench. We have one, but it was ill-used in the past and a cross piece in the handle, which doubles as a lever, was bent all out of shape and useless. Needed? A vise.

A few days ago we’re sitting on the front porch and a neighbor dropped by. We chatted some, then Ken thought, *“Gee, … I bet her husband has vise. And probably a good substantial one too.*

He asks, *“ Does your husband have a significant vise?”*

Neighbor hears, “*Does your husband have a significant vice?”*

Puzzled look comes over neighbor’s face. She thinks, … then slowly.

*“Well, … I don’t think … any* ***really*** *significant ones.”*

In retrospect the neighbor is showing real constraint here.

Ken, now the puzzled one,. holds up his hands about a foot and a half apart and says. *“I need one about this size.”.*

Neighbor, *“OH! Vise! I thought you’d said vice! Yes, I’m sure he does.”*

Ken, a bit embarrassed , *“Oops, sorry, want you to know that your husband’s vices are none of my business.”*

Neighbor, *“Yes, … well, about the only one I could think of was beer”.*

We all had a good laugh.

In summation: The basin wrench has been straightened.

Has Ken fixed the faucet yet?

No.

From a hot & dry Ottawa,

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