

THE HISTORY OF FOODS

SALTY SNACKS



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CHAPTER 1

PRETZELS, POPCORN, AND PEANUTS

Do you like pretzels? Europeans have been baking these salty snacks for more than 500 years! Germans brought soft pretzels to the United States around 1710.

soft
pretzel



A close-up photograph of a white ceramic bowl filled with soft, golden-brown pretzels. The pretzels are twisted and coated with a light layer of oil and sprinkled with coarse salt. Some pretzels are spilling out of the bowl onto a rustic, grey-toned wooden surface. A semi-transparent blue banner with white text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image. A large, faint, stylized 'FO' watermark is visible in the background.

In 1861, Julius Sturgis opened the **first** pretzel **bakery**. It was in Pennsylvania. Some say he created the first **hard** pretzels.

In the 1890s, people popped popcorn in the streets. They sold it from carts and wagons.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In the 1920s, people wanted popcorn at movies. Some theater owners thought it was messy. People brought it in anyway. Later, theaters that did not sell popcorn went out of business! What snack would you sell at a movie theater? Why?





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peanut cart

Peanuts were also sold in the streets. They were sold at circuses and baseball games, too.

Cracker Jack was first sold in 1896. This snack mixes caramel popcorn and peanuts. Every package has a prize inside!

