

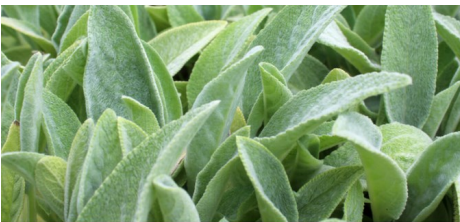
The CHARLOTTE MUSEUM *of* HISTORY

WHERE HISTORY HAS A HOME

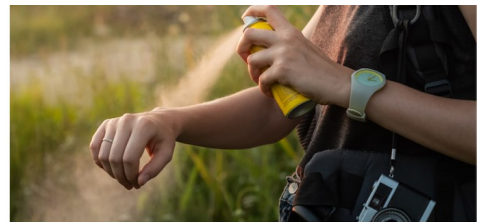
HYGIENE THEN & NOW

We are certainly glad hygiene has improved over the last 245 years! See if you can match the colonial item to its modern equivalent. And don't forget to wash your hands!

COLONIAL



MODERN



WASHING YOUR HANDS IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Why didn't they use soap? Soap was usually only used to wash clothes. Having well cared for clothing was a sign of both wealth and cleanliness.

Did you know: Soaps of the day were made from animal fats and could be dangerous if made improperly. Lye, a material found in these soaps, could even give someone a chemical burn!