Popcorn

Each kernel of popcorn contains a little bit of water. As the kernel is heated, that water turns to steam. In some types of corn (sweet corn and field corn) the shells allow the steam to escape through the shell. But steam cannot escape through the shell of popcorn. Since the steam cannot escape, pressure builds inside the kernel until it eventually explodes, turning inside out.

Popcorn was not always sold in movie theatres. It was first sold at carnivals. Then popcorn vendors started to sell it outside of movie theatres. The theatre owners thought that eating popcorn would distract their customers from watching the movie. But people loved eating the popcorn while watching movies, and soon the movie theatre owners started selling the popcorn to their customers themselves.

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