Today is Cinco de Mayo. This holiday is not Mexican Independence Day, as many Americans believe, but a commemoration of the 1862 Battle of Puebla, when outnumbered Mexican forces resisted the French Army.

You Are What You Eat

Italy enjoys acclaim for its meatballs. Even Sweden gets credit for theirs. Lesser known, but no less delicious, are Belgium’s meatballs. One particular dish in French-speaking Belgium is known as Boulets a la Liegeoise, named for the town of Lieges, where it was invented. The dish often consists of two meatballs (hence the plural boulets) simmered in sauce lapin, or “rabbit sauce,” not because there is any rabbit in the recipe but because the dish is named after Madame Geraldine Lapin, the dish’s purported inventor. The meatballs in their sweet-and-sour sauce are most often served with Belgian French-fried potatoes.

Word Scramble

MALBY

Pleasantly mild and refreshing

ANSWER: BALMY

Gadgets & Gizmos

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Riddle Me This

When things go wrong, what can you always count on?

ANSWER: Your fingers