



## Christmas Crackers

**Crackers were invented by Thomas J. Smith in 1847 in London. He created crackers as a development of his bon bon sweets which he sold in a twist of paper. But this had only limited success. Crackers were not that popular until the children opened it and were shocked by the bang. When Thomas went to Paris he found these sweets in a sweet shop. They were a sugared almond wrapped in sugar paper; Thomas tried selling similar sweets but only sold lots at Christmas. During early 1816, Thomas realised that men gave bon bon sweets to woman for gifts. So Thomas made up all sort of mottos (they were about love).**