



Quips and Quotes

If you enjoy knotty problems, try teaching that sweet young girl how to use a casting rod.

—Ken Kraft

An ambitious young home repairman was determined to become a success at any cost—particularly his customers' costs. Overworked, he died when only 43. When he reached the other world, he filled out the necessary forms and listed his age.

This caused some consternation among celestial authorities. Why should the home serviceman be called so young? Somebody checked the files and returned to the candidate.

"Well, we got *that* straightened out," he said with relief. "According to the working hours you charged your customers, you're at least 127."

—Blighty

These Mother-Daughter Outfits



The idea leaves me a trifle cold, I look too young or she looks too old; I just don't think the time is ripe—A five-year-old is not my type!

—Colleen Hynes Johnson

Things That Never Are as

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as We Expected

That "generous sample" sent free upon request . . . your first mustache . . . the raise after "miscellaneous deductions" . . . a football player in swimming trunks . . . the half-gallon of ice cream purchased for a children's party . . . our uniform from the last war . . . engagement rings . . . the welcome that co-workers give us after we return from vacation . . . a teen-age daughter in her first formal . . . "fabulous trade-in allowances" . . . an empty parking space.

—Charles V. Mathis



"Fooled you this time—I didn't end up in the corner."

A rancher was driving his Eastern visitor over the arid and barren country of western Texas. The sun was blistering hot, the wind dusty dry. Suddenly a beautifully plumed bird ran across the road. The Easterner was impressed with its exotic coloring and asked what kind of a bird it was.

"Why, that's a Bird of Paradise, Son," the rancher replied proudly.

The next mile was driven in thoughtful silence. Then the visitor broke it with, "Pretty long way from home, isn't it?"

—Wall Street Journal

A terribly jealous woman used to submit her husband to a regular inspection every evening.

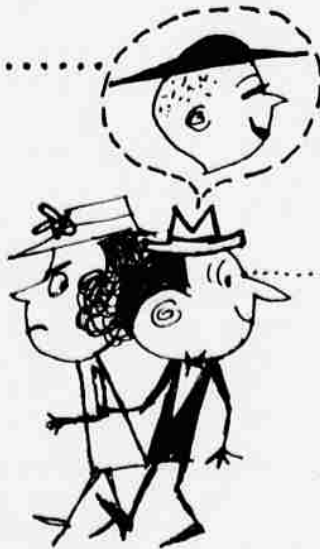
The slightest hair discovered on his coat would lead to weeping, recriminations, and threats.

One night the husband returned, his suit coat spic and span. The wife searched in vain for a wisp of hair, then cried out—"This is too much! Bald women now!"

—Constellation

Give some women enough rope, and they'll hang another clothesline in the bathroom.

—Brushware



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