



The Hostess' Lament
 When parlor games we
 organize,
 Our guests react with
 pained surprise;
 They'd much prefer, they
 say, to sit—
 Just chew the fat, relax
 a bit.

But when we then omit
 next time
 The guessing games, or
 words that rhyme,
 Those self-same chatty
 guests quick-freeze
 And stare all evening at
 their knees!
 —Margaret Read

Disappointments I've Taken in Stride

"Sorry, Dad, but we had to call off the game between the high school varsity and alumni. Couldn't scare up enough interest among the older guys."

"I'm phoning for Dr. Sanderson about your dental appointment this afternoon. He has a touch of flu, so I'm afraid..."

"Reorganization of our bookkeeping department has made it impossible for us to bill you this month, but when matters are straightened out..."

"The Bakers won't be able to spare us a kitten after all. Seems their cat only had three kittens, and they'd already promised..."

"THIS JUKE BOX OUT OF ORDER"
 —Parke Cummings

Deft-initions

Democratic country:
 only place you can say
 what you think
 without thinking.

Scandalmonger:
 one who puts who
 and who together
 and gets whew!

Money: something
 men get their
 faces on and
 women get their
 hands on.—Lion



The time a man must
 prepare to swallow his
 disappointment is when
 his daughter is learning
 to cook.—Ken Kraft



"Where in the world did you get it?
 All you had with you was one dollar!"

Sunday Mourning
 On week ends
 I am full of jitters,
 Expecting
 Unexpected visitors.
 —Regina Sauro



A youngster went to his father and asked how wars began. "Well," said the father, "let's suppose the United States and Great Britain quarreled..." The mother interrupted. "But we should never quarrel with England!" "I know that," the father snapped. "I'm just giving the boy an example!" "Well, it's a misleading example," the mother replied heatedly. "It is not," shouted the husband. "If you'd only let me..." "Never mind, Dad," said the boy quietly. "Now I know how wars start."



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