

Quips and Quotes



The man on the other end of the theatrical agent's telephone said he had a terrific act which he wanted to sell.

"What's the act?" the agent asked.

"I swallow yard-long swords!"

"But there's nothing sensational about that," the agent replied.

"Wait! Listen!" the voice cried. "I'm only 33 inches tall!"

—Quote

A lot of young men who think they have a good line wake up to find that the hook is on the wrong end.

—D. O. Flynn

A farmer, victim of an automobile accident, was suing for damages. The defendant's lawyer pounded at one point. "At the time of the accident," he shouted at the farmer, "you denied you were injured. Now you say that you were. Why! Why!"

"It was like this," the farmer said laconically. "Your client's car knocked me, my horse, and my wagon into a ditch. What a mess! The horse on his back, legs in the air. Me on my back, legs in air. Wagon overturned, wheels spinning. Well, this motorist looks us all over and sees my horse has a broken leg. He goes to his car, gets a pistol, and shoots him. Then he comes to me and says, 'Now how about you? You hurt, too?'"

Auto manufacturers are committing the same old mistake this year—making windshield wipers that snag parking tickets.

—Noel Wical



"Edward is very fussy about having fresh eggs."



"I assume, then, that deduction will not be allowed."

Memoirs of a Kid Watcher

With the advent of Spring, it's good to see this place of ours once more teeming with small creatures who have been absent during the Winter, presumably in warmer climes.

For example, I noted recently a red-capped lawn-walker. The lawn walker appears just as the frost begins to melt in the ground, leaving lawns in a spongy consistency. Employing a shuffling motion combined with brisk heel action, and leaving indentations at every stride, he's a cheerful and tireless worker. His chief nourishment, as far as I can observe, is bubble gum.

He was followed several days later by a bare-headed bud-beater about four-and-a-half feet in height. The bud-beater, you may know, carries a stick and goes about lashing at crocus and daffodil buds, keeping at it methodically until all plants are de-budded. He seems to nest in a house down the block.

The same day, I discovered a gray-coated cyclist, a relative of the lawn-walker except that he uses a tricycle to spiral about the ground. He was observed . . .

But wait! Isn't that a tow-haired tree-carver I see out my window? Yes, it is—a female who looks familiar. For the past four or five Springs, just when the sap is beginning to run, she has occupied herself carving initials and various designs in the bark of our tree. This is a specimen I would like to catch. Excuse me a moment, will you?

—Parke Cummings

CHILDREN of DIVORCE

(Continued)

Paul and Ward. I knew and respected this, and because the boys were always our first concern, I found that we were able to consult and cooperate whenever necessary. Broken bones, Summer camp, allowances, college, careers—we were never divided over Ward and Paul."

How one solves specific problems probably isn't too important, for each family's circumstances are different.

Neither Joan nor her husband remarried, so there was never a question of name changes, stepparents, stepbrothers, or readjusted alimony. Yet specific and complex problems are far less important than the inner security which comes from the love of parents, even parted ones.

Divorce isn't easy for anyone, certainly not for children. The problems and hazards are many, but

they can be met and overcome. Joan said recently, "For me, and I'm sure for John, too, the best proof that we made a success of divorce, if not of marriage, lies in the fact that our boys have gone farther in life than we did. You see, they are both mature human beings. That means they are loving husbands as well as fine fathers. And that's the brightest possible future for children of divorce."

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The watch I have is waterproof,
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—Francis O. Walsh



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