



Quips and Quotes



Eggs-actly

*As I stand here coloring Easter eggs
In every conceivable hue
From pink that borders on purple
To green that borders on blue,
I think of the children's faces
And how they'll light with pleasure
To see the eggs the bunny has brought
And a basket for good measure.*

*As I stand here coloring Easter eggs
I'm only human, I guess;
I think of tomorrow, eggshells on the floor,
And I'll have to clean up the mess;
And the meals I'll prepare using hard-boiled eggs—
I'll pickle 'em, devil 'em, slaw 'em;
But most of all, I think of the hen
And how she'd react if she saw 'em!*
—Susanne Douglass

Saturday Matinee

*I am resigned to candy crunching,
To squirming, writhing,
tickling, punching.
I tolerate the banging seat
As small herds trample on my feet.
Those shrieks and giggles
do not craze me.
The smell of popcorn fails
to faze me.
I have not flinched at
rising price—
But darned if I will see it TWICE!*
—Betty Billip

*Whoever gave it the name
"freeway" certainly couldn't have
been a taxpayer.* —Walt Streightiff

*A wealthy society matron was trying
to register her teen-age daughter
at a very exclusive girls' school
with high scholastic requirements.
"To enroll here," said the haughty
registrar, "a young lady should have
a high degree of musical knowledge."
"Well, Claudia has that," said the
matron. "Just name a song, and she'll
tell you what's on the flip side of the
record."*
—Dan Bennett

A psychiatrist ran into a former patient in a crowded department store while they both were waiting for an elevator. "Mr. Smith, it's good to see you," the doctor said. "I still remember that deep inferiority complex you had. Worst I ever treated. I hope I did you some good."

"I think so," the little man said mildly. "Yes, I believe I'm better."

Then the elevator appeared, and they both stepped inside. "Call your floors!" bellowed the operator.

"Five, please," whispered the former patient. "That is, if it's not out of your way."

—Harry Ramsey



"Enjoyed your sermon, Reverend—you and I feel exactly the same about the way George acts."

Some second-graders were on a field hike when their teacher spotted a large flock of geese, noisily assembling in a distant swamp. "They're preparing for their spring migration north," the teacher explained. "Just think, in a few minutes they'll be winging their way up the United States and into the distant reaches of Canada!"

"Why are they making so much noise?" a little girl asked.

A small boy answered knowingly: "That's the mothers telling the kids to be sure to use the wash-room before they start."

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