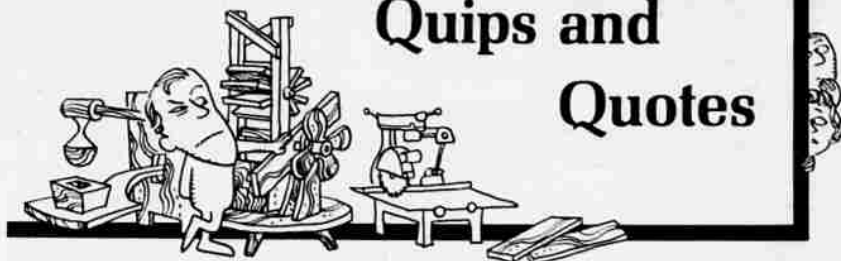


Quips and Quotes



Finished Craftsman

My workshop's where I make things
With lathe and saw and plumb,
But I've learned not to take things
To show to guests who come.

I've had enough! Oh, brother,
They'll see my work no more:
I just can't stand another,
"You made it? What's it for?"
—Richard Armour

Mission Accomplished

Monday: I promised, dear diary, to record my days in you, my new friend. I am so lonesome sometimes.

Tuesday: George Govern is the most handsome, intelligent, understanding man I ever met, though just a trifle shy. I'm so happy when I'm with him, which is never enough.

Wednesday: After work, I cleaned the house for Mother. I do like helping Mother with housework. George came over and talked baseball and football. He's always so interesting.

Thursday: I bought a cookbook today—but a secondhand one. I'm not one to throw money away! Also started sewing a dress for the Saturday dance George asked me to. George doesn't realize it, but he's really quite a nice dancer.

Friday: George wants to go fishing with the boys Sunday, so I immediately said I didn't mind breaking our date. Men should get together.

Saturday: George happened to find this diary after I misplaced it. He proposed.

Sunday: Good-bye, diary.

—S. D. Dearstine

Other young executives of the company had been sent off on business trips, but not Twitchel. He went to his boss to complain. "The others take trips," he said. "Why not me?"

The boss sighed resignedly. "Well, all right," he said, "if you insist." He flicked on his office intercom and told his secretary: "Miss Weems, send Twitchel on a trip to the post office for some stamps."

Twitchel shuddered. "No, no, boss. I mean a real trip—one that involves flying!" "Miss Weems," the boss barked, "make those air-mail stamps!" —Jim Henry

Television is what the children won't go and watch when there is something their parents want to discuss privately.

—Patricia Duff McGinley

A science teacher was giving a demonstration to her high-school class. "I am going to drop this silver dollar into the glass of acid. Will it dissolve?" she asked.

"No," one student said immediately.

"Well, since you don't think acid will dissolve a silver dollar, suppose you tell us why," the teacher replied.

"Because if it would," the student said, "no teacher would dare drop that much money into it."

—Giles H. Runyon

Dear Mr. Postmaster

While First Class is quivery,
And Second may fail,
Neither winds that are shivery
Nor ice, sleet, or hail
Will halt the delivery
Of "Occupant" mail.

—Betty Billipp



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