

Quips and Quotes

Law of the Range

Ah, kitchen ranges have always stood
As their forebears stood before them:
Close to the wall, the way they should,
But keeping a nice decorum.

For the ancient Law of the Range
directs

That always there be between them
Space enough so that dirt collects,
But not enough room to clean them!

—Georgie Starbuck Galbraith

As soon as he saw his married
daughter at the front door, the har-
ried businessman knew he had trou-
ble. "Well, what is it now?" he sighed.

"Daddy," the daughter said,
"George needs a little help."

"Help!" exclaimed the father.
"What more can I do for that no-good
husband of yours? I've already spent
a lot of money setting him up in a
business, and it's a failure!"

"Yes, but George has a wonderful
solution," the daughter replied. "He
wants you to buy him out!"

—John Shotwell

During a class in American history,
the teacher was discussing the folk-
ways of the Puritan society. "Does
anybody know what kind of people
were punished in stocks?"

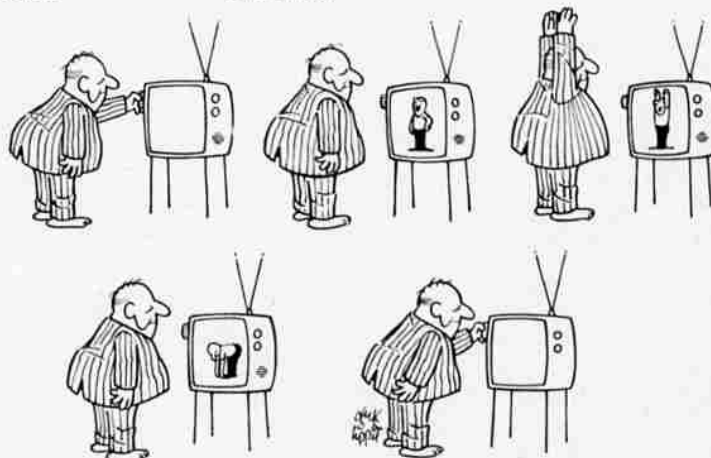
From the back of the room came an
eager reply: "Probably small in-
vestors!"

—Emil Berger

Social Contacts

Often, the key to social success
Has nothing to do with brains or wit;
It isn't what you know but who—
And if she's free to baby sit.

—Suzanne Douglass



I was just thinking...

THE BIG CITY scares me a
little. I am lost in its steel-
walled darkness, a feeble ad-
versary of its indifference.

"Where you bound for?" asked the
cab driver on the way in from the
airport. "Florida? The missus and
me are gonna live there some day.
We're savin' for it."

"It's a beautiful place," I said.
That's all I said for miles.

The cab driver never saw my face.
He spoke from need. He told me of
his surgeon brother in New York, his
psychiatrist brother in Los Angeles.
He told me of his own failure in medi-
cal school. He told me of his teen-age
son on the baseball team and his
daughter who could cook. He spoke

of his tragedies and his happiness and
how it was to drive a heavy truck to
Detroit.

When I paid him and left, we parted
in a peculiar limbo of friendship.
Later, at the hotel, I sorted the
waiter's accent into English I could
comprehend.

"Have you been in this country
long?" I inquired politely.

I had no need to say more. As he
served and took away the soup, as he
brought the entree tenderly to my
plate, the words burst from him. Fur-
tively, one eye on the maitre d',
he described the escape from Siberia,
the return to Europe for the Latvian
wife, the struggle to create a new
world for himself among the canyons
of the city.

When he brought the bill, he laid it
with a kind of apology at my plate as
though he might rather have accepted
it himself in return for my listening
ear and my silent tolerance.

And so it was in the city. I will not
see my Latvian friend again, nor the
cab driver who failed in his broth-
ers' world. Yet from their own lives
they gave a stranger something of
themselves and in a gratitude that it
was not rejected.

Perhaps they gave more than they
knew. Perhaps I did the same for
them. They are two faces in the
crowd, two of a poet's petals on a wet,
black bough.

I went away from the city in their
fragrance.

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