

Quips and Quotes



Cutting Remarks

I grab the morning paper first,
Before my wife—a deed rehearsed
For many years. And if you think
I am a boor, or on the brink,
I'll tell you why: My good wife snips
And with her sharpened scissors clips
All sorts of coupons, ads, and such
And doesn't leave me very much.
If I've the paper first and solely,
It's that I like it whole, not holey.

—Richard Armour

Would You Like More Gravy?

Reducing isn't really tough!
It's easy—if you NO enough.

The age-old debate between dog lovers and cat lovers was raging at a party. "Let me tell you about a dog I heard of," said one guest. "A house caught fire, and the mother and father carried the children out safely—then discovered that one child had been left behind. Before either could react, their dog dashed into the flames and soon emerged carrying the missing child."

"Bah!" said a cat lover. "That's the oldest story ever told by you dog people!"

"Wait," came the reply. "I'm not finished. Although everybody was now safe, the dog ran back into the burning house. The family thought the excitement had driven him mad. But soon he came out again, carrying something in his mouth."

The storyteller paused and looked at his enthralled audience. "Now this may sound strange, but do you know what he was carrying? Well, that dog had a damp towel in his mouth, and when they unfolded it—out dropped the fire-insurance policy!"

—James Shurluck



"Well, I've learned one thing today—you're a poor teacher."

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The homeowner had just finished laying a new sidewalk when he looked out the window and saw the neighborhood children writing their initials in the wet cement. He raced out the house and sent them scurrying with his shouts and threats.

"What's the matter, dear," his wife asked. "Don't you like children?"

"In the abstract, yes," the husband replied, "but not in the concrete."

—Jane Sherman

A hospital should also have a recovery room adjoining the cashier's office.

—Jan Shepard

My Wife's Eyesight Is Remarkable

Her glasses really aren't at all important to her vision. In reading or, when driving. In averting a collision. They're no real help in cleaning house Or (so she claims) tv-ing. To tell the truth, the only thing She needs them for is seeing.

—Hal Chadwick