

Quips and Quotes



Well, Dressed

The work clothes I wear for working
Around the house and the yard
Cause neighbors some winking and smirking,
And I'm lowered in their regard.

No, my neighbors don't lowly assess me
For my clothes—not one jot or tittle.
It's that, though I often dress me
In work clothes, I work so little.

—Richard Armour

Murder Mystery from the Library

About the time that the blood congeals
And the butler drops a clue,
A peek at the back of the book reveals—
It's overdue!

—Betty Billip

It was the teacher's first day in the reading class, and she was a little worried about holding the children's attention. But as she read a story, one little boy restored her confidence. He gazed intently at her during the reading and became so enthralled that he got up and started moving toward her, then finally climbed in her lap.

"Well, John," the young teacher said, "it's obvious you're getting a lot out of this story."

"Yes, ma'm," the boy replied, his eyes still fixed on the teacher, "but, say, did you know that I can see me in your glasses?"

—William T. Cash, Jr.

The saleslady in a greeting-card shop noticed a young woman anxiously poring over the special-occasion messages. Nothing seemed quite right for her, so the saleslady went to her aid. "Now, miss, just tell me what you want," she said, "and I'm sure we have it."

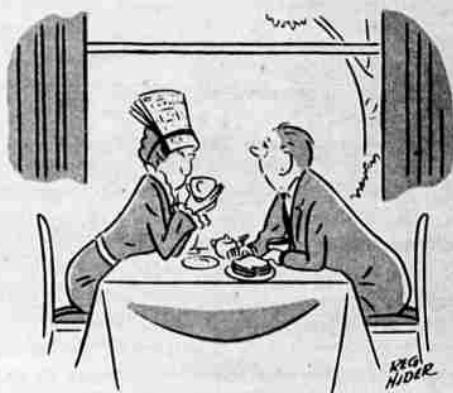
The girl hesitated, then replied, "Have you some kind of a card to send to a nice young man who got slapped last night harder than someone intended to slap him?"

—F. G. Kernan

The sixth grade had just finished its history lesson, and it was time for a test. The teacher asked: "Now what was the name of the channel where the British fleet fought the Spanish Armada? Hazel, can you tell us?"

The little girl in the back of the room rose and answered: "I didn't see it myself, teacher, but I think it was Channel Five."

—John Shotwell



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