

Quips and Quotes



The Saga of Billy Smith

When Billy Smith was only three,
He knew what he was going to be;
He knew, without his parents' urgin',
That he would someday be a surgeon;
To prove it, Billy marched upstairs
And cut the legs off several chairs.

When Billy Smith had grown to four,
He knew what fate had put in store,
He knew deep down inside his chest
He'd be a gunslinger out West;
He took his gun and with precision
Slung it through the television.

When Billy Smith accomplished five,
He knew what trade would make him thrive;
He knew one day in early summer
That he was meant to be a plumber;
He battered pipes down in the basement
'Til water lapped against the casement.

When Billy Smith was thus concerned
With how his income would be earned,
His parents, whose careers were set,
Gave up their work with small regret:
The day that Billy Smith was six,
His folks were full-time lunatics.

—Dick Emmons



"Can I borrow a couple of dollars
until you increase my allowance, Dad?"

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The husband took his wife to a baseball game for the first time and carefully explained the rules before things got under way. Then he settled back, hoping to enjoy the game without interruption. It was a close contest, and at one point the husband excitedly exclaimed:

"Look, Hon, we've got a man on every base right now!"

"What of it?" his wife answered. "So has the other team."

—F. G. Kernan

The last time some husbands gave their wives a helping hand was when they cut the wedding cake.

—Dan Bennett

Two tramps were huddled in an alley during a chilly, rainy night, and one lamented: "This is a terrible life! Nights on park benches, cops chasing you, dodging from one town to another, never knowing where your next meal is, sneered at by everybody . . ."

"Well," the other tramp interrupted, "if it's so bad, why don't you go out and find yourself a steady job?"

"What?" exclaimed the first tramp. "And admit I'm a failure?"

—Jan Shurluck