

During a lull in the conversation at a ladies' luncheon, one guest nodded to a woman passing her table, then turned to her companion. "She's such a wonderful girl. I've never met anybody who said anything bad about Meg."

The woman's companion nodded. "That's true. Let's talk about somebody else."

—Ginitta Brevole

The weary mother of a large and hungry brood was being interviewed by a researcher for a kitchen-range company. He wanted to know what improvements she would like to see in new stoves.

"I'll tell you," she replied, "I'd like one that played, say, "Oh, Marie" when I'm cooking spaghetti and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" when it's stew and "Home on the Range" for steak."

"You like music when you cook?" the researcher asked.

"No, but that would stop every kid who tramps through here from asking: 'Hi, Mom, what's cooking?'"

—James Shurluck

Quips and Quotes



The Score on Décor

The house has that bare,
Uncluttered look,
No bonbon dish,
No vase, no book,
No knick, no knack,
No cigarette,
And not one African
Violet.

It's not that this spare
Décor's the rage,
But Baby has reached
The toddling stage.

—Ethel Jacobson

The new bride and her mother went shopping in the supermarket every day, and the young woman unburdened herself of the perplexities of wedded life. But what puzzled the mother most were the bride's buying habits. At last she could restrain herself no longer.

"Every day this week," she said, "you've bought a can of tuna."

"Yes, I know," the bride replied. "I've been giving John tuna every night—and he still wants to go fishing over the weekend!"

—Giles H. Runyon

A cattle baron from the Southwest was visiting his son's college campus for the first time, and he took his wife on tour of the street where all the sororities and fraternities were located.

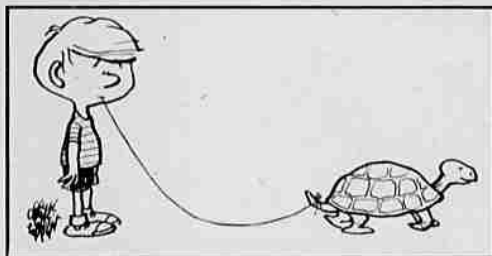
"Look at that!" he exclaimed, pointing to the neon signs with Greek letters on each house. "What a good idea—everybody has his cattle brand in lights!"

—Herm Albright

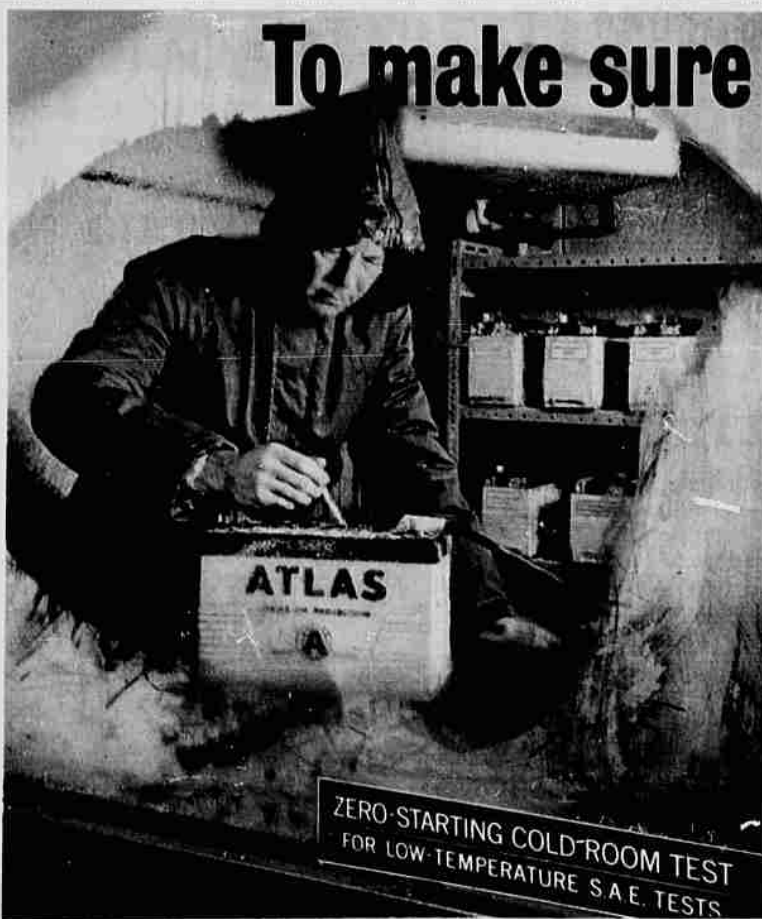
One brother was ambitious and hard-working and became a successful businessman. The other was lazy, constantly in debt, and an embarrassment to his family. The successful brother tried to ignore the ne'er-do-well, and this so irritated the latter that he cornered him at his office one day and told him off:

"I don't understand your attitude! You're a stuck-up snob. If anybody has a right to be stuck up, it's me—look at the successful brother I have! You? Why, your brother is nothing but a bum!"

—G. B. Bangheart



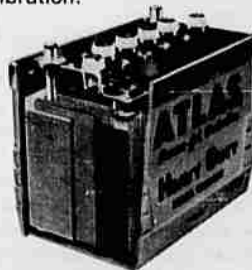
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