

Quips and Quotes



Note from an Understanding Wife

My darling,
So you did forget
Our anniversary. Don't fret!
My birthday passed you unrecalled?
Am I upset? Am I appalled?
Would I expect a man to pay
Close heed to things like Mother's Day
Or act heartbroken, stew and pine
Because he sent no Valentine?
Why, Silly, keep your make-up gift!
Of course, I'm never hurt or miffed;
I won't complain, I have my pride—
Must sign off, dear . . .

Your Suicide
—Natalie Pelham Barker

Home cooking is where a lot of modern women should be.

—D. O. Flynn

Mother was worried. Laddie, the family's faithful dog, had passed away quietly that afternoon while the children were at school. Knowing how much they loved the animal, she dreaded seeing their reaction when they heard the sad news.

But when Mom told them Laddie was dead, the youngsters merely looked sober and nodded understandingly. They changed into play clothes and went outside. Mother was relieved until she heard the children calling for Laddie in the back yard.

"Children," she called, "I just told you. Laddie is dead."

The whole brood broke into inconsolable crying. Between sobs, one explained, "We thought you said, 'Daddy!'"

The paratroopers were aloft for their first jump. Everything went according to orders until the last man came forward to jump. "Hold up," the commanding officer cried. "You're not wearing a parachute!" "It's OK, Captain," the youth said. "This is just a practice jump."

—Outspan

Profit without Honor

The stores were pushing Valentines
With New Year's barely here.
They decked their aisles for Christmas
As Thanksgiving Day drew near.
Their pitch is now on Easter
While I buy my Winter coat;
As early birds, they get the worm
And—I might add—my goat!

—Margaret Read

It was a serious discussion about how to get ahead at the office. "Always listen with respect to your superiors," one man advised strongly.

"Ah, but what if your superiors don't agree on policy?"

"I don't see how that could happen!"
"No?" The man shook his head sadly.
"Why, just last week my boss refused to give me a raise . . . and my wife refused to take 'no' for an answer!"

—Hal Chadwick

The most popular hostess in the world is the one who turns back her bathroom scale 10 pounds.

—Ruth Chadwick



"Even the day he heard about the hydrogen bomb he just gave a nervous little quiver and went back to sleep."



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