

# Quips and Quotes

## The Bigger They Are, the Harder They Fall

*As a devotee of do-it-yourself,  
Would he hire a workman to put up that shelf?  
It only needed some tools and time  
And a neighbor's ladder on which to climb.  
So he tackled the job—why, a child could do it!  
He still insists there was nothing to it  
Requiring a carpenter. Not on your life!  
And he'd have proved it if his wife  
Hadn't phoned a workman to finish the thing  
Before his arm was out of the sling!*

—Georgie Starbuck Galbraith

A couple moved into a new home and on the first day their neighbors all came over to greet them. The couple felt they had moved into a friendly residential area, but after this initial welcome they were snubbed. After a month of icy stares, the husband approached his nearest neighbor. "What's wrong?" he asked. "Why is everybody so unfriendly?"

"Well," the neighbor replied, "you practically called us dishonest."

"Why, I have the highest regard for all of you!" the homeowner exclaimed.

"Then why do you keep your tool shed locked?" the neighbor snapped. "Nobody around here steals anything he can borrow!"

—Ben Cassell

As any driver will tell you, today's horn of plenty is in the car just behind you.

—Anna Herbert

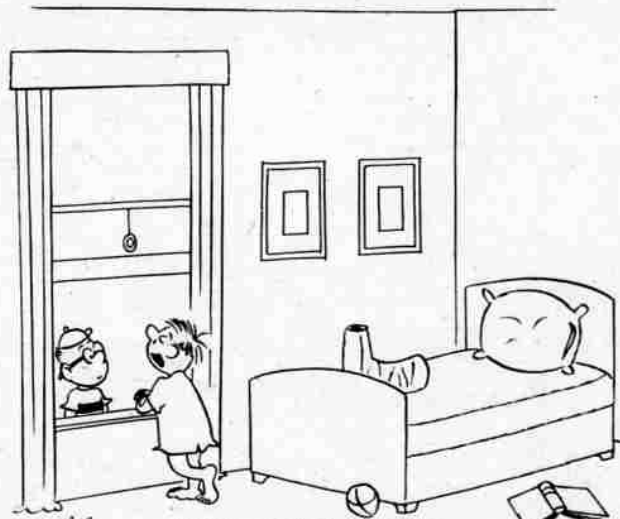
The woman drove into a service station and complained that her motor was noisy and burning more gas than usual. The mechanic checked the car and noticed the choke pulled out. "Do you know what that's for?" he asked.

"Well, I'm not sure," the woman answered, "but when I'm driving I always pull it out to hang my purse there."

—Frances Benson

An angelic little girl rang the doorbell on Halloween and demanded trick-or-treat. The homeowner was so beguiled he reached for a large apple and dropped it into her bag. "And what do you say, little girl?" he asked sweetly.

The child looked into her bag and then up at the man. "I say," she replied, "that you and your darn apple just broke every cookie I've collected tonight!" —Jim Henry



"I better get back in bed. The doctor is coming to cut off my cast."



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