

Quips and Quotes



Dear Mr. Pickle Packer

The pickles, Sir, which bear your label
Are omnipresent on my table.
Their form and color, I attest,
Would rival Grannie's at her best.
All nestled there within the jar,
A perfect masterpiece they are.
In fact, at our house children cry
To taste your pickles. So do I.
So sometime, Sir, perhaps you'll stop off
And show me how to GET THE TOP OFF.

—Betty Billipp

A little girl, visiting her grandmother, wanted to help cook dinner. "I've watched Mommy, and I know all about it," she said confidently.

"Well," said the grandmother, "what about the dials—do you know what they are for?"

"Sure," the girl replied. "Mommy twists them to get low, medium, high, and burn."

—James Shurluck

The Vigor of Spring

To cultivate a vegetable garden
Takes a lot of time and labor;
I'd rather live next door to one
And cultivate my neighbor.

—Ernest Blevins

The city family was looking forward to renting a summer home up in the mountains and was corresponding with a property owner who had his house up for rent. "Before we agree," the head of the family wrote, "you must assure us that your house has a good view."

"From the porch," came the reply, "you can see Matthew's service station and the Perkins' farm, but other than that there's not much but mountains and lakes to look at."

—V. D. Palat

Pity the poor bachelor—the only wallet pictures he has to show are those of Lincoln, Hamilton, and Jackson.

—Ivern Boyett

Dad was trying to get his indolent son to take ROTC courses at the university, but he was encountering stubborn opposition. "This is the type of training that separates the boys from the men!" the father said in a clinching argument.

"Yeah," agreed the youth, dismally, "and the boys from the girls."

—Robert Hearn

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