

Quips and Quotes



Quick Trick

Read fast, my son, read fast, read fast,
Not just for what can be amassed;
Another reason comes to mind:
Those kids who are to speed inclined
Get through the comic book before
The druggist shoves them out the door.
—Dick Emmons

A freshman coed wrote her father an urgent letter imploring him to send money for a pair of contact lenses. "I simply must have them, Daddy," she wrote. "When I wear glasses on the campus, the boys don't whistle. When I don't wear them, I can't see who whistled."

—James Shurtuck

Definitions of the Scientific Housewife

Space exploration, I tell myself
In one of my ad lib explanations,
Is looking for space on a closet shelf
To stuff in the Christmas decorations.

Buoyancy: that's what a teen-age girl
Feels for the lads on the football team.
A **microwave's** the amount of curl
Left in my hair by the kitchen steam.

Fallout's the stuff from a small boy's
pockets.
And as I see it, there's no denying
A **payload** has little to do with rockets;
It's the monthly price of installment
buying!

—Georgie Starbuck Galbraith

A guide was taking a grade-school class on a tour of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. When they got to Statuary Hall, the guide explained: "Each state may place statues of two heroes here. However, nine states have placed only one statue, and three have placed none. Now, quick—tell me how many statues are here."

"Eighty-five," said one of the little boys immediately.

"Wonderful," the guide said. "How did you calculate that so fast?"

"I was here yesterday, too," he said.

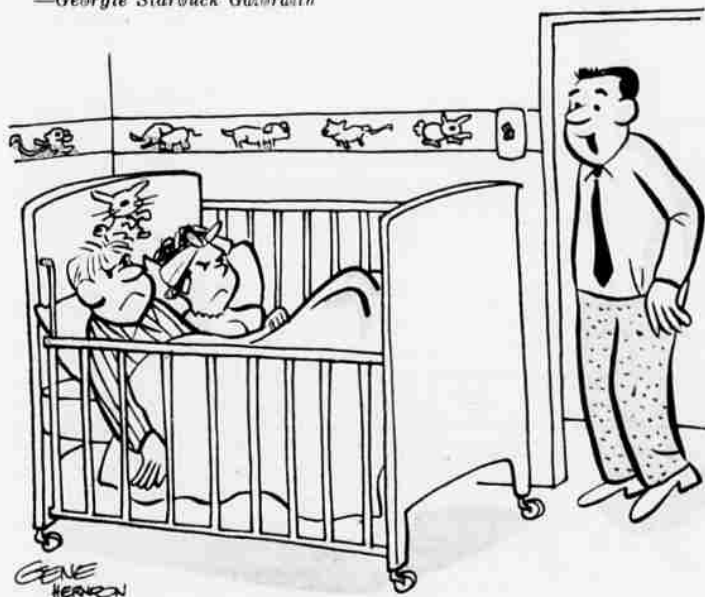
—Gloria Beers

In a Lather

My teen-age son has had a shower.
He stayed in there, I think, an hour.
But now he's out, and I at last
Can take a shower. Mine is jst.

I do not linger like my son,
I'm in and out and quickly done.
Yes, in 1 step and out I trot:
My son has used up all the hot.

—Richard Armour



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