

Quips



and Quotes

Unsettled, with Showers

The trouble with a shower, I hold,
Is that if it is not too cold,
It's much too hot. And I've known showers
Possessed of diabolic powers,
So they could alter in a trice
From cold to hot or steam to ice.

Some praise the shower, that prickly flood,
Proclaiming that it stirs the blood.
It does indeed, and stirs as well
The rafters with a startled yell
As boiled or frozen blue, I plummet
In agonized adagio from it!

—Georgie Starbuck Galbraith

An inveterate bettor sat disconsolately with his friend describing his terrible day at the track. "And I felt so lucky this morning," he said. "I had dreamed all night about hats—men's hats, women's hats, funny hats. When I got to the track, I looked for a horse named Hat. There wasn't any, but there was one named Captain. CAP-tain! Get it? I bet everything on him."

"And he lost?" the friend said. "Yep," said the bettor. "And, what's worse, a long shot came in with the silly name of Sombrero!"

—Francis Benson

The young mother was extremely cautious in bringing up her infant. Visitors were required to wear surgical masks, and disinfectant was sprayed around the room periodically. One day she told her husband: "Junior seems to be cutting a tooth, but I can't get him to open his mouth so I can see."

"Well, do as my mother did," the father replied. "Stick your finger in his mouth and feel."

When he saw her shocked look, he quickly added: "Of course, Mother always boiled her finger first." —John Shotwell

A harried mother had just sent her four children off to school after a three-day snow "recess." Now she looked out the window and to her horror saw that it was snowing again. Quickly she rushed to the telephone and called the local radio station.

"If the snow continues," she asked, "will you please announce there won't be any home today?" —Herm Albright



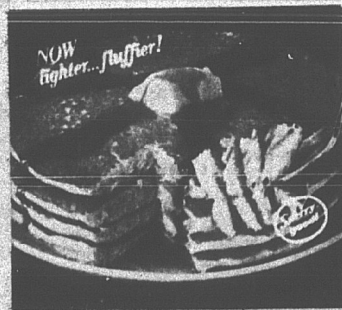
"First, could you lend me a dime for the parking meter?"



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