

HUMOR

A man thought he was a dog, so he went to see a psychiatrist. "It's terrible," said the man, "I walk around on all fours and I keep barking in the middle of the night."

"OK," said the psychiatrist. "Get on the couch."

The man replied, "I'm not allowed on the couch."

Two prisoners were waiting to be executed. "Any last requests?" asked the jailer.

"Yes," replied one of the prisoners. "I love music, so before I die could you play me 'Everything I Do' by Bryan Adams."

And the second prisoner said, "Kill me first."

A man is not overweight – he is gravity enhanced.

A person is not a gossip – he (or she) simply specializes in the speedy transmission of near-factual information.

A teenager is not sleeping in class – he is rationing consciousness.

A man is not short – he is anatomically compact.

I don't think that my uncle is serious about getting a job. He says that the only job he'll take is marriage-guidance counselor to the Pope.

World's biggest lies:

Of course I won't tell anyone else.

It doesn't look like a wig.

Hello – no, I wasn't asleep.

I am confused therefore I am.

Whenever I'm reading really bad prose, I always remember it could be verse.

An old gentleman was reminiscing to a fellow pensioner about his late wife. "She was a remarkable woman – extremely religious. When she woke up in the morning, she would sing a hymn, then she would ask me to join her in prayer. Then over breakfast, she would recite a psalm, and that's how it went all day – praying, singing and reciting until she finally climbed into bed, said her prayers sang a hymn and said her prayers again. And then one morning she was dead."

"What happened?"

"I strangled her."

An osteopath works his fingers to the bone.

WHY YOU SAY IT By W. Garrison

BIGWIG

Had not sheep been abundant in England until modern times, we might not include “bigwig” in our vocabulary – a term from British legal practices.

Skins complete with wool were widely used in the manufacture of wigs. A judge could be distinguished from ordinary folk at a glance; his enormous powdered wig identified his office.

A man who decided the fate of another was clearly a person of great importance. Consequently, anyone in a position of authority came to be called a *bigwig*.

NO SPRING CHICKEN

Archaeologists have found evidence that humans began keeping poultry at the dawn of civilization.... Until recent generations, there were no incubators and few warm hen houses. That meant that chicks couldn't be raised during the winter.

New England growers found that those born in the spring brought premium prices in the summer market places. Sometimes they tried to deceive customers by offering old birds as though they belonged to the spring crop.

Wise buyers would protest that a tough fowl was “no spring chicken.” As a result, the barnyard term came to designate persons as well as birds past the plump and tender age.

PIPE DREAM

Should you come up with a really novel idea or plan, chances are that those who first hear of it will pooh-pooh it as a “pipe dream.”

In its earliest decades, the pipe dream was so far out that it seldom made contact with reality. That's because it was produced by opium, brought to England and Europe by merchants who penetrated the Orient and began peddling the stuff yielded by some kinds of poppies.

Pipe dreams influenced several notable literary figures, with Samuel T. Coleridge being high on the list. But...fantasies produced by opium were that and nothing more.

HUMANITY

Whenever I'm disappointed with my place in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared that he wouldn't be chosen. On the day that the parts were awarded, I went with her to get him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what, Mom," he shouted and said those words that will remain a lesson to me, "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

During the observance of Animal Week fourth graders told about their kindness to pets. Asked what he had done, one little boy said, "I kicked a boy for kicking his dog."

After a junior high school class toured the White House, the teacher asked each student to write impressions of the visit. One boy wrote: "I was especially glad to have this opportunity to visit my future home."

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Famous Last Words:

I've seen this done on TV.
This tastes funny.
Good doggie, nice doggie.
I wonder where the mother bear is.
Which wire was I supposed to cut?
Are you sure the power is off?
Pull the pin and count to what?
What does this button do?

Sign in a veterinarian's office:

"Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!"

A couple had become forgetful in their old age and sought a remedy by attending special memory classes where they were taught to remember things by word association. The husband was telling his neighbor how beneficial the classes had been.

"Who was the instructor?" asked the neighbor.

"Oh, um, what was the name now?" said the husband. "What's that flower that smells nice and has thorns?"

"A rose?"

"That's it," said the husband triumphantly. He turned towards his house and called, "Hey, Rose, what's the name of that guy in charge of the memory class?"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. You've no doubt heard the French children's song "Alouette." What is alouette?

A. It's a skylark.

Q. How did the phrase "cold shoulder" come to mean polite snub?

A. In medieval France a guest who overstayed his welcome was served a cold shoulder of beef or mutton rather than a hot meal.

Q. What is the literal meaning of "aloha", the Hawaiian word of greeting and farewell?

A. Love.

Q. What is the origin of "good-bye"?

A. It's a contraction of the sixteenth-century phrase "God be with ye."

Q. Does Freemasonry have anything to do with stone masonry?

A. The secret fraternal order of Free and Acceptable Masons has its origins in communities of actual stoneworkers – the masons who built cathedrals in the Middle Ages. Eventually, lodges in need of new members started admitting non-masons, and from these lodges Freemasonry was born.

Q. On the \$1 dollar bill, what do the words *Annuit Coeptis* mean?

A. The motto above the eye on the dollar bill means, "He [God] Favored Our Undertakings." The eye represents the all-seeing deity. The pyramid symbolizes strength; it is unfinished to suggest work still to be done.

Q. What are the real names of:

A. Fred Astaire.....Frederick Austerlitz.
Marlene Deitrich.....Maria Magdalene von Losch.
Greta Garbo.....Greta Gustafsson
Judy Garland.....Frances Gumm
Boris Karloff.....William Henry Pratt

Q. In British line of peerage, what is the ranking of importance from highest to lowest?

A. Duke and Duchess
Marquess (or Marquis) and Marchioness
Earl and Countess
Viscount and Viscountess
Baron and Baroness

TREES

By Sergeant Joyce Kilmer
(Born 12-6-1886; he was killed in action on 7-30-1918.)

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

BRYN ATHYN CATHEDRAL
(*John Pitcairn* by R. Gladish, page 349)

"Not till 1912 was an architect chosen, Lawrence Visscher Boyd of Philadelphia, who submitted drawings in the spring of that year. These skillfully rendered drawings depicted a solid structure, pleasant and plain, but seemingly earth-bound in style compared to the soaring Gothic. Interest in Gothic architecture was current in Bryn Athyn just then. John's son Raymond, 27, then in law practice, was added to the committee because of his known love for and study of Gothic architecture. Gerald Glenn, a Pitcairn cousin, gave at least one lecture on Gothic architecture in Bryn Athyn about this time.

"John Pitcairn said to Raymond after the committee had examined the Boyd drawings, 'You didn't care for those drawings, did you?' 'No,' replied his son, 'I didn't.' John then said to him in effect, 'All right, let's see what you can come up with in the way of building plans for our church.'

"In due course, Boyd, having received a \$2,000 fee for his drawings, withdrew, wryly wishing the Committee 'success in your efforts to secure plans which will meet with unanimous approval of your Committee.'

"Having been entrusted with the task by his father, Raymond wrote on November 27, 1912 to Ralph Adams Cram, Boston-based dean of Gothic architectural interpreters in America. Raymond, who credited his mother with his early artistic training and leanings toward the Gothic style, worked with Cram until 1917, when the latter withdrew. Having launched a modern guild system with on-site workshops for carpenters, stonemasons, metalworkers, and glass artisans, Raymond then continued alone in charge of what became a unique cathedral until its virtual completion in 1926."

LANZONE COLLECTION
(*John Pitcairn* by R. Gladish, pages 167-168)

"From Paris, corresponding with Benade in Italy, John agreed to purchase the Lanzone collection of Egyptian antiquities, comprising some 1300 statuettes, a beaded mummy covering, and an Egyptian papyrus showing the Egyptian idea of the life after death. This hoard, now housed in the Academy's Glencairn Museum, was naturally of great interest to Benade. Lanzone was an Italian curator at a Turin museum, and after he had prepared the papyrus for publication and written an introduction in French, John had it printed in Paris."

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"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint."

Mark Twain

My wife says that I never listen to her. At least that is what I think she said.

I called the zoo but the lion was busy.

A dwarf psychic was arrested for stealing. He escaped from jail and the next day the newspaper headline said: SMALL MEDIUM AT LARGE.

My psychiatrist said I was paranoid, but I wanted a second opinion because I think he was out to get me.

Bumper stickers:

Eliminate and Abolish Redundancy.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

"The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease."

Voltaire

Medical terms:

Cat Scan.....Searching for your kitten.

Coma.....A punctuation mark.

Dilate.....To live long.

Fibula.....A small lie.

Nitrates.....Cheaper than day rates.

A father took his toddler on a tour of the zoo and they stopped outside the lion's cage.

"Daddy," the little tyke asked, "If the lion gets out and eats you up, what bus do I take to get home?"

Six young housewives living in the same apartment building fell into a dispute of such magnitude that it resulted in their being hauled into court. When the case was called, they all made a rush for the bench, and, reaching it, all broke into bitter complaints at the same time.

The judge sat momentarily stunned, as charges and countercharges filled the air. Suddenly he rapped for order. When quiet had been restored, the patient magistrate said gently, "Now I'll hear the oldest first."

That closed the case.

INTERESTING IDEAS

A kleptomaniac is a person who helps himself because he can't help himself.

Small boy: "Dad, what is a religious traitor?"

Father: "A man who leaves our church and joins another."

Small boy: "And what is a man who leaves his church and joins ours?"

Father: "A convert son, a convert."

A person who is pulling the oars usually hasn't the time to rock the boat.

When you have to swallow your own medicine, the spoon seems very large.

Courage is holding on five minutes longer.

Courtesy is contagious.

If someone belittles you, he is only trying to cut you down to his size.

Throwing mud at a good person only soils your own hands.

The things many people want to know about are usually none of their business.

Don't curse the darkness – light a candle.

Act in haste – repent at leisure.

Discipline: Before getting angry at your neighbor's faults count ten – ten of your own.

When dressing don't forget to put on a smile.

Education is learning a lot about how little you know.

The battle against evil is difficult, not so much because of the action required, but because of the endurance necessary to achieve victory.

Most failures begin in failure to try.

An ounce of fact can mean more than a ton of argument.

The family that prays together, stays together.

A Chief Executive Officer suddenly remembered that he had to give an important speech that evening at a high-level conference. So he called his assistant and asked him to write a speech for him.

"How long are you intending to speak?" asked the assistant.

"About half an hour."

The following morning as the CEO arrived at his desk, his assistant asked him how his speech went.

"It was an absolute disaster," he replied. "Half of the audience crept out and I could hardly hear myself speak because the other half were snoring! It would have been fine if it had lasted half an hour, as I told you, but you gave me a speech that lasted a whole hour!"

"No, I didn't," said the assistant. "But in case one got lost, I gave you two copies."

Tarzan came home from a long day's work and said, "Jane, it's a jungle out there."

There once was a lady named Lynn
Who was so uncommonly thin
That when she wanted
To drink lemonade,
She slipped through the straw and fell in.

Here Lies
Ezekiel Aikle
Aged 102.
The Good
Die Young.

(East Delhousie, Nova Scotia)

Here lies Dr. Keene, the good Bishop of Chester,
Who ate up a fat goose, but couldn't digest her.

(Cheshire, England)

Disney World – a people trap operated by a mouse.

"The season for grass fires seems to have arrived, so stamp out that cigarette end before you throw it to the ground." (Herne Bay Press newspaper)

Man who leap off bridge jump to conclusion.