

"LAUGHTER IS LEGAL"

CROSS-COUNTRY CLASSIC

Have you heard a story about the man in the market for a new car who saw an ad in a Long Island paper offering a 1952 Cadillac for sale for \$50? The first day he passed it up as a joke, but when it appears for the third time he went to look at the car. The address given turned out to be a beautiful estate. The owner, an attractive middle-aged woman, showed him the car and let him drive it. It was in perfect condition, and he promptly clinched the deal. After the bill of sale was in his hand, he couldn't suppress his curiosity any longer. "Would you mind," he asked the woman, "telling me why you are selling a beautiful car for \$50 when you could have gotten at least \$4,000?"

"Not at all," she replied. "In my husband's will he left instructions to deliver the proceeds from the sale of his Cadillac to his secretary, who had been so kind to him."

SLIM CHANCE

In Manchester, England, after Mrs. Maude Mitchell produce photographs to show her husband's alleged cruelty had caused her to lose 2 pounds in two years, the judge remarked that the loss of weight had enhanced her appearance, denied her separation plea.

GOOD OLD MOUNTAIN JUSTICE

In Kentucky hill country, a man was on trial for being drunk, and the judge couldn't find an unprejudiced jury. The fellow had too many friends and too many enemies, and there was only one man in town who said he was neutral. So the judge decided on a one-man jury. The trial ended, and the jury went off to consider its verdict.

After an hour went by without a word, the judge told the clerk to go and see what was happening. The twelve jury men all rolled into one sent a message: "We ain't decided, Judge." The judge kept sending new messengers every hour and always got the same answer. Finally about midnight he was pretty mad and went to the jury room himself.

The fellow was sitting there, looking worried. "Judge, I was just coming to tell you, the jury can't agree."

WITNESS NEEDED

"Would you like an adjournment to obtain an attorney?" the Judge asked a bewildered foreign-born defendant who stood before him.

"No thanks, Judge."

"Have you money for a lawyer?"

"I ain't got no money."

"Would you like the court to appoint a lawyer who will protect your interest and represent you — without any cost to you?"

"Thanks, your honor, Judge. This is a wonderful country. You are so good to men — you offer me a lawyer, but Judge, to tell you the truth, I don't need a lawyer so much — what I need right now is a helluva good witness!"

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"What is your age?" asked the judge. "Remember you're under oath."

"Twenty-one years and some months," the woman answered.

"How many months?" the judge persisted.

"One hundred and eight."

THE BIG QUESTION

When Henry Norris Russell, the Princeton astronomer, concluded a lecture on Milky Way, a woman asked him: "If our world is so little and the universe is so great, can we really believe that God pays any attention to us?"

"That, madame," replied Dr. Russell, "depends entirely on how big a God you believe in."

SALARY

Two years ago my son, who was then 13, proudly announced

one day: "I was the only one in our class that got a 100 in social living test."

"That's fine," I said. "Were the questions hard?"

"Well, the only one I didn't know the answer to was 'what is the salary of the chief Justice of the United States?' but I figured it out. I knew that Ted Williams got \$100,000 a year from the Red Sox, and I decided that a Chief Justice would probably get about a fourth as much. So I put down \$25,000, and it was right."

WASHINGTON WONDERLAND

A busy man forgot to file his income tax return until a few days after the deadline. "I have no excuse," he confessed to the Government in an accompanying note. "I just forgot. I am enclosing the required five percent fine." Shortly, he received a ponderous and official letter. Would he be good enough to fill out enclosed form, setting forth the reasons for his delinquency, and have it notarized?

"No excuse," he wrote back. "Have paid fine."

Last week he got another letter: No excuse, it said in essence, is not an excuse. "Please file notarized affidavit testifying that you had no Excuse."

WISE GIs

The Commanding General of a line division in Korea was inspecting one sunny afternoon when three sniper bullets from nearby hill whizzed over his head. Jumping into a bunker that was occupied by a sergeant, he barked, "Locate that sniper!"

"We know exactly where he is," the sergeant replied calmly.

"Why in the devil don't you shoot him then?" demanded the general.

"Sir, that fellow has been sniping at this hill for weeks now and hasn't hit anybody yet. We're afraid if we kill him, they might replace him with someone that can shoot."

EMERGENCY

"How do you know you were going only 15 miles an hour?" the judge asked the driver accused of speeding.

"I was on my way to the dentist!"

TEXAS TALK

When a woman having dinner in a Dallas restaurant gave the waiter a \$500 bill to pay for her check, the manager suggested, "See if she doesn't have something smaller."

"Yes, sir," said the waiter, "but I don't think she do, boss. She had to rummage around in her money to find this."

THEY ASKED FOR IT

The owner of a \$10,000 limousine, pulling up at a light beside a small car driven by a friend, couldn't resist the chance to heckle.

"Gosh sakes man," he said, "what is that dreadful rattling sound in your car?"

"Oh, that? said the small car's driver calmly. That's just \$9,000 jingling around in my pocket!"

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Herbert Hoover: All Presidents go fishing because they want to be alone to think once in a while. Except for prayer, fishing is about the only time people respect the privacy of the President.

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