

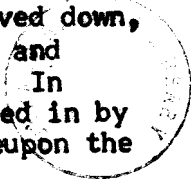
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A country school teacher, taking in the old swimming hole one day, was discovered by several of her school boys who proceeded, according to the old custom, to tie her clothes in knots, but because she was swimming in the nude, she was unable to get out of the pool to chase them.

After swimming around for some time, she finally touched an object in the bottom with her foot which seemed to be a large wash tub. This, she thought, solved the entire problem. She quickly dived down, retrieved the tub, put it in front of her, and started out of the pond to chase the boys. In chasing one boy, the ringleader, she started in by saying - - "You know what I think?" Whereupon the



boy replied: "Yes, I know what you think -- you think there's a bottom in that tub, but there ain't."



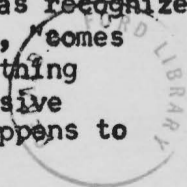
The Communist meeting was a huge success. Speaker after speaker told the proletariat present that the time was drawing nigh to strike off their shackles, to over throw the Government.

As the faithful cherrred, the Chairman beamed. But he didn't fail to catch the one discordant note.

Off in a corner of the dingy meeting hall, one of the members sat on his hands. His brow was furrowed. He was worried.

Finally, he struggled to his feet and was recognized.

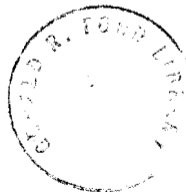
"Comrade Chairman," he said plaintively, "comes the revolution, I am all for it. But one thing bothers me. When we overthrow this oppressive capitalist government we new have, what happens to



my unemployment compensation check?"



It's far-sighted of the Democrats to try to give the taxpayer a break now. If they ever get back in power, it's a cinch he'll never get another one.

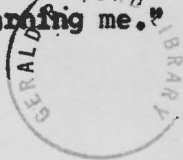


While the Congressman was standing outside the post office in his home town out west, a cowboy galloped up, reined his horse to a halt, and tossed the reins to the Congressman.

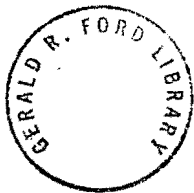
"Here, Boy, hold my horse for a few minutes, will you?" he asked.

Drawing himself up to his fullest height, the Congressman shouted, "Boy! I'll have you know I'm a United States Congressman."

"Oh, I see," said the cowboy, "In that case I'll get somebody else to do it. Thanks for warning me."



A certain farmer during hunting season took a bucket of paint and painted the word C O W in large letters on all his animals to prevent them being shot by city hunters. A friend questioned him and asked if he should not distinguish the sex such as bulls or cows when writing the name, to which the farmer replied, "Why confuse the city fellers with details."





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Politician to wife after an election -

"Well, honey, I was elected."

Wife - "Honestly?"

Politician - "Well, what difference does it make."



(Senator Norris Cotton, (R-N.H.))

"You remember the young farm hand who wanted to borrow a lantern to go courting his girl. The farmer scoffed at the idea. 'I never bothered with a lantern when I went courting,' he said. 'Yes,' responded the young farmhand. 'And look what you got!'"



(Representative Laurence Curtis (R-Mass))

"Recent events have started this story on the rounds of Washington. A reporter asked a newly-elected Congressman: 'Will you consult with the interests that control you before making any big decision?'

"'Of course,' replied the Congressman deftly, 'But why bring my wife into this discussion?'"



Two Russian scientists talking. First one states, "Adam and Eve were Russians." "Why," asked the other, "can you prove it?" "Easily" said the second, "Adam and Eve had no home, and no clothes, only apples to eat and they thought they were in paradise -- they must have been Russian."



## School Construction Bill

A. 19 states with slightly more than 6% of classroom shortage would get more than 50% of federal money.

B. 7 states with 57% of current classroom shortage would receive only 14% of federal money.



Psychiatrist - "Is there any insanity in your family?"

Patient - "There must be. They keep writing me for money."



Safety sign in front of school states -

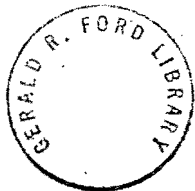
"Don't kill a child."

In a child's scrawl underneath were the words.

"No, wait for the teacher."



Officer to Private picking cooties from his underwear. "Well, Joe, I see you are picking them out." "No sir, I am taking them as they come."





Captain writing in ship log, "Mate was drunk today." Inasmuch as this was the first offense for the mate, he pleaded long and hard with the Captain who insisted that all details and only the truth be recorded in the log, and refused to change the statement, after much pleading on the part of the mate. Consequently, with such a desire for the truth, the mate being on duty the following day wrote in the log, "Captain was sober today."



An Indian, having gone to see his doctor who after examining him, told him to be careful about what he ate. In fact, he told him not to eat until he got an appetite.

Meeting the Indian a few days later, the doctor asked him how he felt. The Indian replied, "Oh I feel fine now. I wait one day -- appetite no come. I wait two days -- appetite no come. I wait three days -- appetite no come. Get so damn hungry, me eat anyhow."

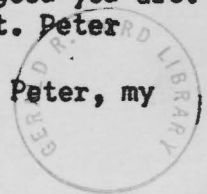


Irate Constituent: "Look here, I wrote you a post card two weeks ago, and you haven't made my wife's brother a postmaster yet. If that's all you care about my support after the way I helped you get elected, I'm through with you."

Congressman: "But I've worked hard to be a good representative for you. I've helped raise your wages, lower your taxes, protect your old age with Social Security..."

Irate Constituent: "I don't care how good you are. I wouldn't vote for you now if you were St. Peter himself."

Congressman: (gently) "If I were St. Peter, my friend, you wouldn't be in my precinct."



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Story:

There was a young fellow in one of the southern states who wanted to get off from work to attend a Lodge meeting. He went to his boss and asked if he could get away for this important function.

The boss asked if he was the Lodge Master.

Boy said, "No, he was only Grand Exalted Supreme Master of the Universe but that made him sixth from the top."



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Story: A raw rookie with the Cleveland Indians was coming to bat against Washington Senators when Walter Johnson was in his prime as a fast ball pitcher.

Johnson on his first pitch really threw a fast one by the rookie batter.

After the pitch the rookie turned to ask the umpire if he saw the pitch which he called a strike.

The rookie without trying to irritate the umpire said, "It sure sounded high to me."



"The best way to save face is to keep  
the lower half of it shut."



A group of French and Americans playing bridge on a trans-Atlantic liner. One Frenchman being very successful was slapped on the back by an American with the compliment, "You lucky dog." The term, dog, as you know, being most irreverent by the Frenchman caused much commotion. However, after getting things straightened out, the Frenchman was very happy and proceeded with the play. A little later one of the American wives was being quite lucky at the game, and the Frenchman wishing to enter into the spirit of the thing and use the colloquial



phrase still giving consideration to the French instinct for technicalities in their genders, slapped the lady on the back and exclaimed, "Oh, you lucky bitch."





(Representative Brooks Hays (D-Ark.))

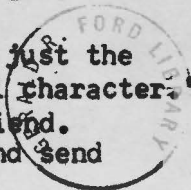
"This is the season when stories like this circulate in the cloakroom: A Congressman's friend (after a visit to his district) asked: 'Did you know that Tom Sullivan is to run against you?'

"Well, replied the Congressman, 'I am not surprised. He's an ingrate and a scoundrel, if I ever knew one; lucky to be out of the penitentiary.

"Then his friend added: 'Jim Jones is also threatening to announce.'

"The Congressman replied: 'Well, he's just the same type - a reprobate, a thoroughly evil character.'

"Aw, I'm just kiddin' you, said his friend. 'I saw them both; they asked about you and send



their regards.'

"Now see what you've done,' the Congressman said. 'You've made me say some ugly things about two of the sweetest, finest, most upright men in my district.'"

