**Change - Funnies**

**Adolescence is a period of rapid change. While a child is between the ages of 12 and 17, a parent may age 20 years. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Recently I spoke to a large gathering of business and professional women, all of whom are capable, alert and talented persons. I commented that I had recently read the book entitled Ten Tall Texans, and that all of the biographies, with only one exception, were of famous men. Then I gave the challenge: “Why doesn't someone in this audience write a book entitled Ten Terrific Texans, a volume of biographies of outstanding women?” A few days later one of the executives called and told me that she had accepted my challenge and had begun writing such a book with a slightly different title: Women Who Change Things . . . Besides Diapers! (William Arthur Ward, in Abundant Living magazine)**

**When our farm required an extra truck driver for harvest, we hired Dave despite his lack of experience. We advised him to pick a landmark so he could remember the turnoff to the field. On his first day, things ran smoothly until his third trip to the field. Dave got lost. “Didn't you pick something to help you remember where to turn?” I asked. “I did,” Dave replied. “But the cows moved.” (Clinton Farstveet, in Reader's Digest)**

**Little boy to friend: “I hate that Current Events class. Every day it's something new.” (Mel Yauk, in Family Circle)**

**For years the No. 1 excuse was “The check is in the mail.” This has given way to “The Computer is down.” (Les Bostic)**

**Grandpa: “You might not believe this, but I used to be very fleet of foot. I used to be able to run and jump like a gazelle.” Nelson: “Really, Grampa?” Grandpa: “Yup. Not anymore, though. Now I mostly sit and graze like a water buffalo.” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**Heart's Desire? A friend, who manages a menswear shop. sold a corduroy jacket to a young man who went off delighted with his purchase. Next day, though, he returned the jacket. "My girl doesn't like it," he explained, crestfallen. A week later, to my friend's surprise, the young man breezed in and bought the same jacket again. "Has your girl changed her mind?" my friend asked him. "No," he smiled. "I've changed the girl." (P. R. A. Berkeley, in Reader's Digest)**

**As the years go by, I find that I am definitely growing stronger. A few decades ago I could not easily carry ten dollars’ worth of groceries. Today it’s a snap! *(J. D. Eppinga)***

**A country philosopher said, “Whenever I meet a fellow who says he hasn't changed his views in the last twenty-five years, I'm always glad that he is more liberal about his socks.” (Jim Ockley)**

**Helga tells her friend: “When we were dating, just the sight of Hagar made my heart beat faster! Now I get the same result when I carry a basket of clothes up the stars!” (Chris Browne, in Hagar comic strip)**

**Change is inevitable -- except from a vending machine. (Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)**

**Blue jeans now come from the store looking the way they used to when they were ready for the ragbag. (Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)**

**The only person who likes change is a wet baby. (Roy Blitzer)**

**How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but the light bulb has to really want to change. *(National Federation of the Blind, in Wit & Witticism, p. 19)*  
  
At our Thanksgiving gathering, our 4-year-old granddaughter, Abbie, updated the aunts, uncles and cousins on our farm’s livestock inventory. “We have calves, chickens, and we used to have pigs,” she said. “But now we have bacon.” *(Lois Kline, in Country magazine)***

**Overheard: “What a frustrating day. I put three dollars in the change machine this morning -- and I'm still me.” (Jay Trachman, in One to One)**

**The phrase “melting pot” used to mean the United States of America. Now it means you put the wrong container in the microwave. (Robert Orben, in The Wall Street Journal)**

**About three o'clock one morning the telephone rang in Dr. Gallup's house. Sleepily the king of public opinion polls got out of bed and lifted the receiver. “Is that Dr. Gallup?” said the voice at the other end of the line. “Yes, yes. What do you want?” “I've just rung up to tell you I've changed my mind.” (Tit-Bits)**

**The morning after our 20-year-old daughter, Coleen, got home from college for a holiday break, she came into the living room, all sleepy-eyed and bundled in her robe. Walking over to the couch, she cuddled up next to me and put her head on my shoulder. “Coleen,” I said nostalgically as I stroked her hair, “when you were a little girl, you would crawl up on my lap at the breakfast table and say, ‘Cheerios, Mommy. Cheerios.’” After the briefest moment of silence, Coleen whispered, “MasterCard, Mommy. MasterCard!” (Kathleen Hayden, in Reader’s Digest)**

**In a mere half-century, movies have gone from silent to unspeakable.  
(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicaste)  
One of the greatest mysteries of life is how the idiot that your daughter married can be the father of the smartest grandchildren in the whole wide world. (Bits & Pieces)  
A generation ago most people who finished a day's work needed rest -- now they need exercise. (Los Angeles Times Syndicate)**

**Billy mentions to his Dad: “Grandma said when she was little the only things on the web were spiders.” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**At a street corner: “It seems like only yesterday my kid was cutting his teeth – and his hair.” (Gibbon, Nebraska, Reporter)**

**You used to put your kids to sleep at night with bedtime stories. Now they come in at bedtime and tell you stories that keep you awake all night. (Pipe Lines)**

**If you think old soldiers just fade away, try getting into your old Army uniform. (Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)**

**Spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow. Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase. *(E. B. White)***

**We spend the first part of our human experience avidly accumulating things and the other half wondering what in the world we're going to do with all the stuff. (Margret E. Keatts)**

**I never thought I'd see the day when TV dinners had more taste than TV. *(Angie Papadakis)***

**The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby. (Natalie Wood)**

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