**Heart Matters - Funnies**

**How do you mend a broken heart? With ticker tape. *(National Federation of the Blind, in Wit & Witticism, p. 20)***

**The following notice appeared in the Los Alamos, New Mexico, Monitor: The Masons are hosting a community breakfast this Saturday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. to benefit the Heart Council. The menu includes omelets, pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon and potatoes. *(Camille Morrison, in Reader's Digest)***

**A gambler at a Las Vegas roulette wheel was playing number eleven. Unfortunately, he was having very little luck, but he was persistent. Long after midnight he was still at it. Most of the other players had left. Finally, down to his last chips, he decided to take one more chance on number eleven. It was then that he heard an unearthly voice whisper in his ear, “Put it on sixteen.” The gambler wheeled around. There was no one near. Aside from himself and a yawning croupier, there wasn't a soul in sight. Puzzled, but impressed, the man shifted his remaining stake to number sixteen. The wheel spun and finally stopped on sixteen!  As he was about to rake in his chips, the voice spoke again. “Let it ride." He did and won again. By now the man was beside himself with excitement. Before touching the chips, he waited for the voice. He was not disappointed. “Put the whole pile on twenty-two," it commanded. The gambler quickly did so. The wheel spun again. As it slowed down, the silver ball hovered on the very edge of twenty-two, then skittered out into the green zero. “Oh, darn!" said the voice. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**When I remarked on a new patient's extraordinary ruddy complexion, he said, "High blood pressure, doc. It comes from my family." "Your mother's side or your father's?" I asked. "Neither," he replied. "It's my wife's family." "Now come," I said. "How could you get high blood pressure from your wife's side of the family?" He sighed, "Doc, you oughta meet them sometime." *(Dr. Ralph G. Bennett, in Medical Economics)***

**After doctors set my broken arm and put a cast on it, I paid the bill and went on my way. Shortly thereafter, I received a bill from the hospital, this time for the $1.57 they claimed I still owed. Apparently to prove that this was a hospital with heart, they included a payment book. It had me paying 3 cents a months for four years. *(Nancy Clark, in Reader's Digest)***

**While chatting with a woman on the bus, I happened to notice that she was wearing a key on a chain around her neck. “What’s that?” I asked. “Oh, this,” she replied. “My boyfriend gave it to me and told me it was the key to his heart/” “How sweet!” I said. “Not really,” she answered. “It’s the extra key to his car.” *(Bonnie I. Lowe, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Dolly: “P.J., I love you from the bottom of my heart. Mommy and Daddy are in the top part.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**The man calls home and asks: “Can you check the nightstand? I think I left my heart in San Francisco?” *(Rick Moyer, in ick. Comic strip)***

**Waiter: "Would you like that 'happy fun' meal super-sized?" Ziggy: "No, thanks! I don't think my heart could handle that much excitement." *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Women wear engagement and wedding rings on the third finger of the left hand (not counting the thumb), because an ancient belief held that a delicate nerve runs directly from that finger to the heart. If women wearing engagement rings had a heart, they wouldn’t be wearing engagement rings! *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 21)***

**Teacher: (pointing to her chest): “This is where your heart is.” Pupil: (from back row): “Mine is where I sit down.” Teacher: “Whatever gives you that idea?” Pupil: “Because every time I do something good, my grandma pats me there and says, ‘Bless your little heart.’” *(Leslie B. and Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips, p. 55)***

**Woman says to Helga: “Whoever said ‘the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach’ was right. My husband just ran off with our cook!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

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