**Marriage Funnies**

**When the minister agrees to marry the young couple in his church, he stipulates that they remain abstinent during their engagement. A week before the wedding he asks, “Have you remained chaste?” “I’m afraid not, Reverend,” the groom-to-be answers. “What happened?” “My fiancée dropped a box of light bulbs, and when she bent over to pick it up, I was overcome with lust and we lost all control.” “I’m sorry,” the minister says, “but I can’t marry you in this church.” “That’s what I figured,” the young man sighs. “We’re not welcome at Home Depot anymore, either.” *(Reader’s Digest)***

**My wife and I were invited to her niece’s wedding breakfast. During the meal, the groom’s father asked all of the grandparents to offer words of advice for a long and happy marriage. It was a poignant moment as each one shared such wisdom as “Never go to bed angry” and “Treat each other as you would like to be treated.” When they finished, the groom’s father asked the young couple if they had any words of advice for the rest of us. “Well,” said the groom, to the embarrassment of his bride, “the only thing I can think of is ‘Call before you come over.’” *(James E. Black, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Two Irishmen, Sean and Kevin, meet on the street, not having seen one another in many years. “Tell me now,” says Sean, “did you ever marry?” “Ah, yes,” Kevin replies. “My wife's an angel.” “You're a lucky man,” says Sean. “Mine's still with me.” *(Bernard A. Wichman, in Reader's Digest)***

**An elderly couple was celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The men were congratulating the husband: “How’d you manage it, Fred?” Fred answered: “Well, I’ll tell you. When Martha and I first got married, we agreed that whenever any big problems came up, I’d handle them – she’d take care of the small ones.” “Looks like it worked out OK,” said one friend. “Yep, it did,” said Fred. “Of course, no big ones have come up yet – but if one does, I’m ready.” *(John W. Klase, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Marriage is the only union that can't be organized. Both sides think they're management. *(Funny Funny World)***

**Dolly says to her mother: “I'm five years old now and I still can’t decide on who I should marry.” *(Bill Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**One man, who hasn't shaved for a while and looks like a bum, is sitting on a park bench and says to the other man: “One day the wife was cleaning house and decided to throw out everything that didn't work.” *(The National Enquirer cartoon)***

**A bachelor asked the computer to find him the perfect mate: “I want a companion who is small and cute, loves water sports and enjoys group activities.” Back came the answer: “Marry a penguin.” *(Rainbow Magazine, Taiwan)***

**One crab says to the other: “You knew I was a crab when you married me!” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**A longtime married couple brought their purchases to one of the registers at a national discount store. The cashier -- a model-thin blonde -- flirted with the husband. Each discovered that they had grown up in the same rural area of southern Pennsylvania. Her dad, the young woman said, often went back to the home state for deer hunting season. “Do you -- hunt?” She smiled and winked at the husband. He pointed to his wife, “Young lady, 30 years ago, I went dear hunting. I haven't gone since.” *(Lawrence P. McGuire, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Husband: “We've been married a long time, haven't we?” Wife: “We sure have.” Husband: “I guess you've seen me at my best and you've seen me at my worst.” Wife: “Oh, yes.” Husband: “Couldn't tell much difference, could you?” Wife: “Not really.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**One woman says to another woman across the lunch table: “We had our first disagreement. I want a big wedding with all the trimmings, and he doesn't want to get married.” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)***

**During a discussion about dogs with my 6-year-old grandson, Jonathan, I asked him if he knew Uncle Scott’s dog was going to have puppies soon. He looked at me in surprise and asked, “Who did she marry this time?” *(Doris Ferguson, in Country magazine)***

**Daughter: “Mom, why is Dad under the tablecloth?” Mom: “Because I can't stand to watch him eat spaghetti.” Daughter then says to her husband: “Oh. Hard to believe they've been married for over fifty years, isn't it?” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Mother says to daughter: “After you're married, you may discover an evil force trying to control your life!” Daughter: “Really? What will it be?” Mother: “Your mother-in-law.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**I love being married. I was single for a long time, and I just got so sick of finishing my own sentences. *(Brian Kiley)***

**One woman asks another: “So you’re wondering how many men you will make unhappy when you marry. How many do you expect to marry?” *(Tidbits)***

**A reader suggests the ideal mate is “one who remains faithful to you but tries to be just as charming as one who doesn't.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Husband: “The nice thing about being married is not having to do things to impress each other any more!” Wife; “I assume wearing pants used to be one of those things?” *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**Recently launched into the “real world” and shocked by the expenses that came with it, my brother Dustin was complaining about the high cost of auto insurance. “If you got married,” teased my dad, “the premium would be lower.” Dustin smiled. “That’d be like buying an airline just to get free peanuts.” *(Amy Dobberstein, in Reader's Digest)***

**We were sitting around with some friends discussing the pros and cons of marriage. One couple was asked how they'd managed to stay together for 45 years. “I know her like a book,” the husband replied. “You may know her like a book,” observed another man, “but I bet you never know what page she's on.” *(Margaret O'Shields, in Reader's Digest)***

**Daughter: “Mama, if you had it to do all over again, what kind of husband would you look for?” Helga: “I’d look for one whose hobby was housework and who was highly allergic to beer!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**As the last of 15 postcards disappeared into the outgoing mail slot at a nearby post office, I realize I'd forgotten to add something -- namely, the stamps. I ran to the counter and, hoping to elicit some sympathy from the woman behind it, began, “Did you ever make a mistake?” Tersely, she replied. “Well, I've been married three times.” *(Clair Metcalf, in Reader's Digest)***

**All men make mistakes; married men just find out sooner. *(Wes Holley, in Country magazine)***

**I knew from the start that I had married Miss Right. It took me a little longer, though, to realize that her first name is Always. *(Brad Wesner, in Country magazine)***

**Our neighbor and his wife get along well considering it's a mixed marriage. She's normal. *(Ron Dentinger, in Dodgeville, Wis., Chronicle)***

**Marriage is a mutual admiration society where one person is always in the right and the other one is the husband. *(Matty Simmons, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Roll calls in large lecture halls on the first day of second semester are a necessary, but long, ordeal. Most of the students in my economics class at Iowa State University of Science and Technology in Ames answered “Here,” “Yes” or “Present” when their names were called. Far down the alphabet, the professor finally called one woman's name. “I got married over Christmas,” she said. “It's now Devine.” “I'm sure it is,” the professor replied. “But what is your new name?” *(Jean Bertman, in Reader's Digest)***

**One wedding guest to another: “It will never last. He's campfire, she's microwave.” *(Grindall, King Features)***

**The difference between painting the town and painting the porch is marriage. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**Definition of a prenuptial agreement: Paper a lawyer prepares to protect the party of the first part from the party of the second part should they discover the party's over. *(Rheta Grimsley Johnson, Scripps Howard News Service)***

**To our Love and War man writes a fellow of sad experience: “Marriage is the process of finding out what sort of husband your wife would have preferred.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A couple married 45 years had raised 11 children and were blessed with 22 grandchildren. Asked the secret for staying together all that time, the wife replies, “Many years ago we made a promise to each other: The first one to pack up and leave has to take all the kids.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Australian entertainer Barry Humphries (Dame Edna Everage) is known for asking thought-provoking questions of his TV show guests. His interview with actress Jane Seymour was no different. “Tell me the secret,” he implored her, “of your successful marriages.” *(The New York Times)***

**Man: “How long have you and Opal been married now, Earl?” Earl: “I don’t know. I’ve lost track, but I’ll tell you this, I don’t regret one day of it.” Man: “Which day don’t you regret?” Earl: “April 2, 1990.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Daughter: “What is the secret to a perfect marriage?” Astrologer: “Marry a man who doesn’t eat too much, doesn’t drink, gamble or stay out late or make a mess, and you have a perfect marriage?” Helga: “We’ll take two.” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**When my husband went to work for a large corporation with young, attractive women, I was curious about the goings-on in the office. “Dear,” I asked, “just what would you do if a cute secretary made a pass at you?” To my horror he said, “One already has.” My heart fell and I squeaked, “Well, what did you do?” “I married her.” *(R. H., in Reader's Digest)***

**Minister asks Robert at the marriage ceremony: “And do you, Robert, promise to love, honor and share control of the TV remote?” *(Abbott cartoon, in Catholic Digest)***

**Before a marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you said; after marriage, he'll fall asleep before you finish saying it. *(Helen Rowland)***

**Waitress: “How do you want your burgers?” Wife: “Well done with American cheese, mustard, but no tomatoes, onions or pickles. And a baked potato.” Husband: “I’ll have the same, ‘cept make it medium rare, with Swiss cheese, mayo, and the works! And some French fries.” Waitress: “One marriage special coming right up!” *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**In preparation for my daughter’s wedding, I went to the post office to get stamps for the invitations. The postal clerk suggested we use one of the commemorative sets available, and she showed me the stamp honoring John Paul Jones with the caption “I have not yet begun to fight.” *(Harriet Verzagt, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The father of the young woman asked his perspective son-in-law, “Young man, can you support a family?” The surprised groom-to-be replied, “Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.” *(Cecil Kottwityz, in The Lutheran Witness)***

 **“Congratulations!” said the uncle to the groom. “I’m sure you’ll look back and remember today as the happiest day of your life.” “But I’m not getting married until tomorrow,” said the groom. “I know that,” replied the uncle. *(Christopher Tome, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

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