Miracles - Funnies

**To help trap monkeys on the Philippine island of Mindanao for polio research, John N. Hamlet employed the native Moros. When the time came for him to leave, he felt he should do something special for them. Hamlet tells how he thanked his helpers. They had never seen a plane on the ground and experienced only passing views of planes in flight, so I decided they might enjoy an airplane ride. I hired a pilot and plane. The Moros were unusually quiet as the plane took off and circled above their wooded mountain villages. They glanced out the windows a few times but remained nonchalant and silent. “It was some ride, wasn’t it?” I asked enthusiastically at the end of the trip. “Think about it! There you were in the skies, riding higher than the trees, higher than the mountains. You could look down and see everything on the earth. Wasn’t it wonderful?” The unsmiling, stoic leader of the little tribe looked me in the face. Finally he mumbled a few words. “Bugs do it,” he said. *(With W. Horace Carter, in Land That I Love)***

**Dolly tells her little brother Billy: "Wow! Did you see that? Daddy turned on TV without usin' the remote!" *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circle comic strip)***

**Drabble: “It never fails. Every time I wash my car, it rains!” Wife: “Oh, well. You’ve only washed it twice in the last five years!” Drabble: “It’s still pretty amazing!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**When comedian George Burns was asked about his title role in the film Oh, God, the 82-year-old star explained that “it wasn’t hard to play God. At my age, everything I do is a miracle.” *(Neal Travis, in New York Post)***

**Doctor says to patient after the operation: “It’s a medical miracle you pulled through. An expensive miracle, I might add.” *(Engleman cartoon, in The American Legion magazine)***

**God and St. Peter are playing a round of golf. On the first hole God drives into the water. The waters part and God chips onto the green. On the second hole God takes a tremendous whack and the ball lands ten feet from the pin. An earthquake causes part of the green to rise and the ball rolls into the cup. On the third hole God lands in a sand trap. He creates life: single-cell organisms develop into fish, then amphibians. They evolve into reptiles, birds and furry little mammals.  One of the mammals runs into the trap, grabs God’s ball in its mouth, scurries over and drops it in the hole. St. Peter looks at God and says, “You gonna play golf, or you gonna fool around?” *(P. J. O’Rourke, in Age and Guile Beat Youth, Innocence, and a Bad Haircut)***

**Did you hear about the woman who found a rattlesnake on her porch under the morning paper? She beat the snake to death with the paper. Truly amazing! Not that she could kill the snake, but that the paper was on her front porch in the first place. *(Jay Trackman, in One to One)***

**After a big thunderstorm last summer, we found one of our horses dead, presumably killed by lightning. For insurance purposes, we had to have this confirmed by a veterinarian. The vet’s phone was answered by his exuberant young assistant. I told her that we had a dead horse and that we would like the vet to come out to see it. After a long silence, she said in a subdued voice, “Well, the doctor is good. But he’s not that good.” *(David Shapiro, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Two old friends, Quinn, a Christian, and Sophie, a Jew, are having lunch when Sophie says to her friend, “Don’t take this personally, but how can you honestly believe that Jesus walked on water, turned water into wine, or made the infirm walk?” “Well, look at it this way,” says Quinn. “Maybe there were rocks beneath the water’s surface, and he crossed over them. Or maybe there was a little wine in the water, and that’s what someone tasted. As for healing the sick, maybe they just needed his guidance. But who are you to question my beliefs? What about Moses parting the Red Sea?” Sophie nods thoughtfully. “Wasn’t that something?” *(Patti Browne, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A father and his small son were out duck hunting. Dad bragged how good a shot he was.  Then a lone duck flew over, the father took careful aim, and fired. The duck kept right on flying. The father was not upset. He turned to the boy and said, “Son, you have just witnessed a miracle. There flies a dead duck.” *(Treasury of Clean Sport Jokes)***

**If it’s free, it’s advice; it you pay for it, it’s counseling; if you can use either one, it’s a miracle. *(Jack Adams, in Belleville, Wis., Recorder)***

**Concerning a golf shot: "If it goes to the right, it’s a slice. If it goes to the left, it’s a hook. If it goes straight, it’s a miracle." *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**In Sunday School, the minister was trying to illustrate the word “miracle.” “Boys and girls,” he said, “suppose I stood on the roof of a 10-story building and fell off. Then all of a sudden, a whirlwind swept me up and brought me safely to the ground. Now what word would you use to describe that?” After a long silence, a boy raised his hand and said, “Luck.” “True, true,” the minister replied. “It could be luck -- but that’s not the word I wanted. I’ll repeat the story.” After he finished, he asked, “Think now -- what word would describe the situation?”  “Accident!” an eager girl cried out. “No, no,” the exasperated minister said. “Listen carefully for the third time.” They did and then he said, “What word could account for my safely reaching the ground?” The class shouted in unison, “Practice!” *(The Lion)***

**Good week for: Miracles, after police came to arrest a wheel-chair-bound Los Angeles woman on charges that she had filed several bogus personal-injury lawsuits. The woman, Laura Lee Medley, 35, jumped out of her chair and tried to run down the street. *(The Week magazine, May 26, 2006)***

**Dad: “So now you have a canopy bed.” Zoe: “And Mom sewed it all out of old sheets! She makes wishes come true!” Dad: “You’re a regular miracle worker.” Mom: “Some people think so.” Dad: “So can that thing stitch together a BMW for me?” Mom: “Sorry. One miracle per day is my limit.” *(Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)***

**Heart: “But, but the sign outside of your magic shop, it says: ‘Miracles Performed.’” Store manager: “OK, small boy, you want miracle? Want to levitate a ball? I sell you this! Want to make penny disappear? I sell you that! You see? Miracles! I sell them, yes? Now show me miracle and buy something!” Heart: “Can you make a penny multiply?” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart Of The City comic strip)***

**Heart: “Hey, Mom, Look! I found my long-lost magic wand!” Mom: “Magic wand? I’d say it’s more like a miraculous wand!” Heart: “Really? Why?” Mom: “Because it’s a miracle you found anything in that pigsty you call a bedroom.” Heart: “Oh, funny.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician felt comfortable performing the same trick over and over again. There was only one problem. The captain’s parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick.  Once the parrot understood, the squawking started in the middle of the show: “Look, it’s not the same hat.” “Look, the flowers are under the table.” “Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?” The magician was furious but couldn’t do anything; it was, after all, the captain’s parrot. One day the ship had an accident and sank. As the magician clung to a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean, the parrot flew over and perched next to the magician’s hand. They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for days. “OK, I give up,” the parrot said after a week. “Where’s the boat?” *(Rodney & Cathy’s Joke List)***

**Mary had a little lamb – and the doctor fainted. *(Dorothy Galyean, in Quips and Quotes and Cleaned up Jokes)***

**Dentist: “OK, now we’re just going to take a few pictures of your teeth. Bite down. And this is just a heavy blanket to protect you from the X-rays. Now I’m just going to step out of the room to click the camera.” Heart: “With all the miracles of modern medicine, why is going to the dentist like being in some cheap 1950s science fiction movie?” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart Of The City comic strip)***

**Heart: “Look, guys, it’s the last period and we’re getting crushed. Let’s just go the distance. Ready?” Mom: “Andrew and Donnie Spumanti! What are you boys doing? I told you to clean out the garage! Get moving!” Donnie: “Yes, Mom.” Heart: “Holy smokes! They just lost two of their hockey players! That means . . . forfeit! It’s an Olympic miracle!” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**A certain type of miracle occurs in parking lots all over the USA. A car pulls into a space marked for the handicapped. Then a person emerges from the car completely healed. *(Leslie & Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips, p. 24)***

**I play golf religiously: If I make a shot, it’s a miracle! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**My three-year-old son, Levi, had been learning the pledge of allegiance at the nursery school he attended. One afternoon we went to the post office and, as we left the building, Levi noticed the American flag flying out front. He pointed to it and said, “Look -- there’s the United States of a miracle.” *(Cheria Simpson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Everybody in the hospital was awaiting a visit from Pope John Paul II.  A doctor with a handful of paperwork took a seat in a wheelchair and busied himself with his notes. The Pope swept in and blessed the doctor, who immediately stood up and walked forward. The devout in the Pope’s entourage crossed themselves and rolled their eyes heavenward. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Returning home from my job as a painter and decorator, I noticed a magnificent rainbow in the evening sky. Eager to show my young son something he had never seen before, I took him outside and held him up to have a look. “Wow!” he exclaimed. “How’d you do it, Dad?” *(R. Winstanley, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Marital Arts: At a family gathering, my cousin's husband and mine began teasing us about how we always get our way. "Honey," my cousin said to her husband, "when I get my way, that's a compromise." "What is it when I get my way?" he was quick to ask. "She replied, "That's a miracle!" *(Jolene Sandor, in Reader's Digest)***

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