**Speech - Funnies**

**Sign in a factory supervisor's office: “Caution -- be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth in gear.” (Bits & Pieces)**

**Congress is so strange. A representative gets up to speak and says nothing. Nobody listens, then everybody disagrees. *Thomas LaMance, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Doc: “You’d better stop drinking. It’s affecting your hearing.” Patient: “I’d rather not, Doc. The stuff I’ve been drinking is a lot better than the stuff I’ve been hearing.” *(Southeastern Oil Review)***

**Have you noticed the easiest way to stay awake during a speech is to deliver it? *(Thomas LaMance, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**Dentist says to patient as he offers her a new set of dentures: “These are expensive, but they’re guaranteed up to 140 words per minute.” (Jim Unger, in Classic Herman comic strip)**

**My husband was in a crowded elevator when one of the occupants launched into a high-speed monologue. As the elevator inched toward the ground floor everyone had to endure the woman’s life story, her opinion of the concert she had just attended and of music in general. When at last the doors opened, she was saying, “I play seven instruments myself, you know.” My husband smiled sweetly and delighted his fellow sufferers by saying, “And I’ll bet they’re all wind instruments too.” *(Judith Player, in Reader’s Digest)***

**One child says to the other while the Mom is carrying away the crying baby: “He can’t talk yet, but he still gets the last word.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**KEEP IT CLEAN: "We kindly ask that you refrain from any mudslinging when you campaign in Denver. We’re trying to conserve water." *(Denver Water, as it appeared in Rocky Mountain News, July 16, 2004, in what may end up being the best political ad this year)***

**Speak Easy: A great speaker at a club meeting quickly won the audience with her opening remark: "I was told I might talk to you for twenty minutes, and I asked my husband how I could possibly tell when the time was up. His reply was, 'When you think you've talked one minute -- stop. It'll be twenty minutes.'" *(Rowena Boylan, in Reader's Digest)***

**It was raining quite hard as Marine trainees assembled outdoors for a briefing. On a blackboard, the lieutenant instructor had prepared a detailed drawing of the tactics he wanted practiced. “Don’t think we’re going to call this off just because of a little rain,” he said. Then he turned to the blackboard – which had been washed clean. *(Mel Loftus, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Things you regret saying almost as soon as you say them: “Whatever it is, just spit into Mommy’s hand.” *(Rick Kirkman, in Baby Blues comic strip)***

**Of some talkative lady, name now unknown, George Bernard Shaw evidently thought it witty to say: “She lacks the power of conversation but not the power of speech.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Drabble: “Well, hello, Pooch! You’re probably looking for my front yard! It’s the house on the corner! The lawn has a bunch of dead spots! You can’t miss it! None of the other neighborhood dogs ever miss it!” Wife: “That was subtle!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**Ralph Taylor, from Terrace Park, Ohio, was one of the many subscribers who responded to our request for “tongue twisters” in Reminisce. Here’s one that Ralph thinks is “shipshape”: "If a shipshape ship shop stocks six shipshape shop-soiled ships, then how many shipshape shop-soiled ships would six shipshape ship shops stock?” *(Reminisce Extra magazine)***

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