**Stillness - Funnies**

**Wife: “How was the baseball game?” Husband: “Terrible! They played three and one half innings, then there was a three-hour and forty-minute rain delay before the game was finally cancelled! I just sat through a doubleheader and didn’t get to see a single game!” *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**If you like cats, you may want to add this Jules Renard observation to your repertoire: “The ideal of calm exists in a sitting cat.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Our son, Rob, loved using the saw and hammer, but never seemed to clean up afterward. One day I was in the garage, stepping over the sawdust, and my hand automatically reached for the broom and dustpan. Suddenly, my brain ordered my body to stand still and appraise the situation. Instead of leaving the work area clean, I propped the broom against the workbench with the following note attached: “As ye saw, so shall ye sweep! Love, Mom.” (Carnita Brandner, in Reader's Digest)**

**Grandma says to Earl who is in the bathroom: “Earl! Are you ever coming out? I’m beginning to regret we ever got that new padded seat.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**First man: “What have you done so far?” Second man: “I decided which tool to use.” First man: “That’s it? And the rest of the time you’ve just been standing there?” Second man: “Well, I had to decide where to stand, too.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**Helga: “Hagar, do you have any plans to get dressed today?” Hagar: “Why do you ask?” Helga: “Because it’s almost tomorrow.” (Chris Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)**

**After spending a happy evening drinking together, two acquaintances promise to meet again in ten years at the same bar, same time. Ten years later, the first guy walks in, looks around, and sure enough, there is his friend on a bar stool. He clasps the old friend’s hand and cries, “The day we left, I didn’t think I’d really see you here!” The friend looks up, stares, sways slightly and asks, “Who left?” (Alan Thomas, in Quote)**

**Overheard: “The government keeps saying the economy is on the right track. There’s only one problem: the train isn’t moving!” (Ashley Cooper, in Charleston, S.C., Post and Courier)**

**While everyone is fighting and throwing things around in the bar, the servant asks Hagar: “Hagar, why do you enjoy coming here so much?” Hagar then answers: “Because it’s a great place to just sit and think.” *(Chris Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)***

**Sit at the feet of the master long enough, and they’ll start to smell. *(John Sauget)***

**Well, I guess I should get up and do something useful. On the other hand, who am I to argue with fate? *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Man: “Why don’t you move around more?” Garfield: “Not my fault. Gravity wasn’t my idea.” *(Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)***

**Man: “That’s it! If I see one more mouse around here, you’re grounded! Let me rephrase that.” As Garfield lays down for a nap, he says: “No, no. I like the concept!” *(Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)***

**When my son Tony was 4 or 5 years old, we were returning from a long car trip, and he asked if I had any gum. I didn’t. He sat quietly for a while, then asked if we could please stop and get some gum. “My teeth are tired of standing still,” he earnestly explained. Creative thinking like that deserves to be rewarded, so we stopped for gum. *(Lonnie Gallaher, in Country Extra magazine)***

**In my junior year, I defied the University of New Mexico’s policy against pets in the dorms and bought myself a hamster. When my pet escaped from its cage, I worried that it would get out of the room and give me away. I found the hamster under my bed, but couldn’t reach it. Finally, I lured it out by sitting motionless for three hours, holding a cupcake. I was proud of my cleverness and couldn’t wait to tell one of my friends. “That’s amazing,” my friend replied. “I can’t believe you sat in front of a cupcake for three hours without eating it.” (Michelle Ellis, in Reader’s Digest)**

**I am so stiff. I made it about halfway through the L.A. Marathon, but then I just had to turn the TV off. You sit in one spot for 3 ½ hours on that La-Z-Boy! That’s tough! *(Jay Leno)***

**We built our retirement home on a hilltop in southern Indiana and finally settled on a name for the place: Mount Rush-No-More. *(Reader’s Digest)***

**Earl: “Wow! Can you believe we got this parking spot? We’re right by the door!” Grandma: “Yes, it’s very nice. Good job, dear. Aren’t you going to come into the store with me, Earl?” Earl: “No, I think I’d like to sit here and enjoy the parking spot for awhile.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Man to friend: “I figured out why the Postal Service raised the postage rates. The extra four cents is for storage.” *(Angie Papadakis)***

**Billy says to his mom while sitting in the chair: “Mommy! Am I sittin’ quietly enough? Am I, Mommy? MOMMY!” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)

Sales manager: “Would you rather reach for the top, or stand firmly on the bottom?” Man: “Why stand firmly on the bottom, when you can lie down?” *(Joe Martin, in Willy ‘N’ Ethel comic strip)***

**Dad: “Well Hec, you warned P.J. about running in the house and now look! When you were young and you broke the rules, you were given a good stiff smack on your nalgas. Then we sat you down!” Son: “Trust me Dad. Sitting was the last thing I wanted to do.” *(Pedro Ramirez, in Raising Hector comic strip)***

**As Ziggy sits in the traffic jam, he says to himself: “Why do they call it ‘rush hour’, when nobody’s moving?” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**For-sale ad in the Rapid, S.D., Journal: “Cross-country skis for approximately 6’ man. Like new. Used only 3 times, mostly while lying down.” *(Reader’s Digest)***

**Grandma: “And so it begins. Are you going to sit in front of the TV all summer and let your brain turn into pancake batter?” Child: “Tapioca pudding maybe.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Do you know what kind of ticket you’re most likely to get on I-25? A parking ticket. *(Rep. Lola Spradley, R-Beulah, Colorado)***

**One famously creative person who didn’t see the need of rising early – or rising at all – was Mark Twain, who often wrote while lying in bed. Once, when a reporter arrived to interview Twain at his home, his wife, Livy, asked him, “Don’t you think it will be a little embarrassing for him to find you in bed?” “Why, if you think so, Livy,” Twain replied, “we could have the other bed made up for him.” *(Ben Franklin’s Almanac, p. 22)***

**Husband says to another couple: “I bought this cool new watch that sets itself to the correct time every time I move!” Wife: “The only problem is, he never moves.” (Chris Browne, in Raising Duncan comic strip)**

**In 1931, when I was 12, I had a job collecting tickets at the wax museum at the Savin Rock amusement park in West Haven, Connecticut. I would sit very still, with a newspaper in my hands. When a girl came close, she usually asked, “Is he real?” That’s when I’d suddenly move – and the girl would scream. *(Jeff Asard, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Man: “If you gain any more weight you won’t be able to move!” Garfield: “Wow! A fringe benefit.” *(Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)***

**We were at a function and our 4-year-old daughter, Lisa couldn’t sit still. I told her to stop wiggling, and she said, “I’m trying, but my skeleton won’t let me.” (Dorine McCall, in Country magazine)**

**Any wildlife expert will tell you that, when confronted with a potentially dangerous animal, you must remain calm and not make any sudden movements. That’s why I always say: “The hell with wildlife experts.” *(David Berry)***

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