Timing - Funnies

**Man: “Hi, is it something I said?” Woman: “Is what something you said?” Man: “I thought we might have our argument before dinner tonight. There's a game on TV later that I want to watch.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**What's more discouraging than a car that starts when you have to go to work but won't turn over on your day off? *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they're going. *(P. J. O'Rourke, in Reader's Digest)***

**I'd just about had it with pesky creatures around my house when a landscaper phoned about his company's latest special. “I'm not interested,” I said. “The neighbor's cat just pulled up my petunias, raccoons have dug up my back lawn and moles have completely taken over my front lawn!” “Call me,” said the voice on the other end of the line, “when you're alone.” *(Mary Otis, in Reader's Digest)***

**Miranda Henson of Bloomington, Illinois got a credit-card offer from Wal-Mart and MasterCard in the mail the other day proclaiming “this may be the best offer you have ever received” and frankly that is probably true. Miranda just turned 2 1/2. *(Bill Flick, 1997)***

**While I was in intensive care after a lung operation, a young intern assigned to my case kept checking in on me, making sure everything was all right. The day I was to go home, I called her into my room. Putting my arm around her, I said, “How would you like to be my daughter?” “Gee, Dad, that would be wonderful!” she replied. “Tuition's due tomorrow -- $21,500!” *(Jack P. Helm, in Reader's Digest)***

**I was visiting an aunt who had always been heavy. “My new doctor just put me on a diet,” she scoffed. “Can you imagine that -- at my age!” She then began to eat a large pastry roll filled with meat. “That's your diet?” I asked in amazement. “Of course not,” she snapped. “This is my dinner -- I had my diet an hour ago.” *(Lily Pooley)***

**Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he is buying. *(Fran Lelbowitz)***

**Soon after my daughter's 16th birthday, I took her to the department of motor vehicles for a driving test. There, I watched her drive off with the test officer and then I began to pace nervously back and forth. Apparently the desk clerk studied me for some time. “Don't be nervous about her passing,” she said. “It's after she passes that you can begin pacing the floor!” *(Nelson R. Chamberlain, in Reader's Digest)***

**Arriving 15 minutes early does nothing but guarantee a 30-minute wait. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**When my younger brother applied for his first job delivering our neighborhood newspaper, he was told, “You'll be earning three dollars an hour. And next year you'll make five dollars an hour.” “Sounds great,” my brother replied. “I'll see you next year.” *(Katherine A. Moore, in Reader's Digest)***

**Since the Pentecostal congregation in Leduc, Canada, had just had a new church built, they sold their old building. It was to be used as the new Evangelical Community Church in Beaumont, some ten miles away. But as the building was being moved on a mammoth trailer to its new location, it came in contact with a 138,000-volt power line, which started a fire on the roof of the building. The driver phoned the Beaumont fire department from a farmhouse. “There's a large building on fire about a mile east of the town on Highway 625,” he said. “I'm sorry,” replied the dispatcher, “but that's outside our jurisdiction.” “Well, get your equipment ready,” the driver replied. “It'll be there in five minutes!” *(John Hilliard, in Reader's Digest)***

**At a golf course, our foursome approached the 16th tee. The straight fairway runs along a road and bike path fenced off on the left. The first golfer teed off and hooked the ball in that direction. The ball went over the fence and bounced off the bike path onto the road, where it hit the tire of a moving bus and was knocked back on our fairway. As we all stood in amazement, I asked him, "How in the heck did you do that?" Without hesitation he said, "You have to know the bus schedule." *(Michael A. Lankford, in Reader's Digest)***

**A retired workaholic is driving his wife crazy, so she buys him a set of golf clubs and a country-club membership. “This game is a mystery to me,” the man tells the pro. “What do I have to do?” “You hit the ball toward that flag down on the green.” The guy puts a ball on the tee, picks out a club and takes a swipe. The ball goes straight down the middle and rolls across the green, stopping two inches from the hole. The pro can't believe his eyes. “What's next?” the man asks. “You're supposed to hit the ball into the cup.” “Now you tell me!” *(Bob Monkhouse, in Just Say a Few Words)***

**Son: “Dad, what does ‘good timing’ mean?” Hagar: “Good timing is being able to grab the last piece of fried chicken off the plate while pointing to an imaginary fly on the ceiling!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**If I had known grandchildren were so much fun, I'd have had them first. *(Dorothy Galyean, in Quips & Quotes & Cleaned Up Jokes)***

**Elderly lady says to another: “Apparently I went to too many ‘Who’ concerts when I was younger. The doctor said I was starting to lose some of the high end on my hearing. Ironic, isn’t it? Just when we can finally afford a really decent stereo system, our hearing starts to go.” *(Tom Batiuk, & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**It’s useless to hold a person to anything he says while he’s in love, drunk, or running for office. *(Shirley MacLaine)***

**And Indian and two cowboys had ridden hard since daylight. Toward evening, the cowboys talked hungrily about the big meals they would eat when they got to town. When one of them asked the Indian if he was hungry, however, he shrugged and said, “No.” Finally arriving at their destination, the three ordered steaks with all the trimmings. As the Indian proceeded to wolf down everything in sight, one of his friends reminded him that less than an hour ago he had told them he wasn't hungry. “Not wise to be hungry then,” he replied. “No food.” (Bits & Pieces)**

**The bathtub was invented in 1850, and the telephone in 1875. Had you lived in 1850 you could have sat in the bathtub for the next 25 years without having the phone ring once. *(Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing*. (Phyllis Diller, American comedian)***

**Employee to boss: “The reason I didn't laugh at your joke, Mr. Walters, is because it wasn't funny, it was in bad taste and I'm retiring tomorrow.” *(Zahn, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**The kids are layered and bundled – Snowsuits, hats, and scarves just so – And then a little voice is heard: “Mom, I have to go.” *(Sharon Dyer, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**A patient was brought to a psychiatrist by friends, who informed the doctor that the man was suffering from delusions that a huge fortune was awaiting him. He was expecting two letters which would give him details involving deeds to a rubber plantation in Sumatra and titles to some mines in South America. “It was a difficult case, and I worked hard on it,” the psychiatrist told some colleagues. “And just when I had the man cured -- the two letters arrived.” *(General Features)***

**Driving to Walt Disney World in Orlando from our home in Mississippi, we passed the time by looking for license plates from different states. Oddly, during our whole trip we didn't spot any other cars from our home state. We were beginning to wonder if ours was the only family from Mississippi taking a vacation that week. At the theme park we rushed to get in line for a popular ride. We found ourselves standing next to people from back home: they were our neighbors from two doors down. The name of the ride was “It's a Small World.” *(Jerry W. Jones, in Reader's Digest)***

**You know it's time for a makeover when you start to resemble your driver's license photo! *(Art Samsom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**Drabble: “This is it! The lights are dimming! The curtain is rising! This is the moment we’ve all been waiting for since 1983! Episode I is about to begin! I have to go to the bathroom! *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**Our son, at age five, had a fascination for motorcycles. The sight of one would always bring forth squeals of delight, accompanied by excited remarks of "Look at that! Look at that! I'm doing to have one of those someday!" His dad's response always was "Not as long as I'm alive." One day, while our son was talking to a little friend, a motorcycle passed by. He excitedly pointed it out to the boy and exclaimed, "Look at that! Look at that! I'm getting one of those -- as soon as my dad dies." *(Elizabeth Leyda, in Reader's Digest)***

**A condemned prisoner awaiting execution was granted the usual privilege of choosing the dishes he wanted to eat for his last meal. He ordered a large mess of mushrooms. “Why all the mushrooms and nothing else?” inquired the guard. “Well,” replied the prisoner, “I always wanted to try them, but was always afraid to eat them before!” *(H. E. Martz)***

**Girlfriend: “Hamlet, after we’re married I promise never to nag or criticize you!” Hamlet: “Good!” Girlfriend: “But, until then, I have a few things I’d like to mention.” *(Chris Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**Last winter I was laid up at home with the flu. My fiancee called and volunteered to come over, fix dinner and play nursemaid to me. I declined, not wanting to pass on the flu to her. “Okay, honey,” she told me. “We'll wait till after we get married. Then we'll spend the rest of our lives making each other sick!” *(Steve Pomerantz)***

**As a first-year medical student, my husband ate breakfast with me every morning before going to class. Once, the phone rang at 8 a.m., and my husband answered it. “Is this the doctor's office?” a voice said. “No,” he replied. “But call back in about ten years.” *(Debra A. Miller, in Reader's Digest)***

**Since my husband, Jim, and I decided to put our home on the market, five couples have come to see it. Two of them commented that the exterior color of the house -- a muted sea-foam green -- was a potential drawback. In response, Jim and I labored for 14 hours, painting the entire exterior a clean, bright white. When we finished and went inside to clean up, we noticed that a message had been left on our answering machine: “Hi, My wife and I looked at your beautiful green house last month, and we'd like to come over and make you an offer.” *((Nancy K. Weston, in Reader's Digest)***

**After the rookie pitcher walked a third straight batter, the manager strolled to the mound. “Son,” he told the southpaw, “I think you've had enough.” “But look who's coming to bat,” whined the rookie. “I struck this guy out the last time he was up.” “Yeah, I know,” said the manager. “But this is still the same inning.” *(Sunshine Magazine)***

**While watching "The Bachelor Chef TV Show" Frank says to Ernest: “Timing is very important in preparing a meal.” Ernest: “So try to make sure the pizza arrives during a commercial!” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**“I’m majoring in psychology,” the new student announced to his parents. “Now you’ll be analyzing everyone in the family,” his mother complained. “No,” he replied, “I don’t take abnormal psychology until next semester.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Trouble with being punctual is nobody’s there to appreciate it. *(Franklin P. Jones)***

**By the time we realize our parents were right, we have children who think we're wrong. (*Guillermo Hernandez, in American Legion Magazine)***

**“A beautiful woman appeared in the doorway of my hotel room and said, ‘Oh, no. I've got the wrong room,’” Henry Youngman relates. “But I told her, ‘You've got the right room -- you're just 20 years too late!’” *(Reader's Digest)***

**As Billy opens the front door with water dripping from his clothes, he asks his Mom: “Is it okay if I run through the sprinkler?” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**The orthopedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and his staff was helping transport many of the items. I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his bony arm across the back of my seat. I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious, and I looked across and explained, “I'm delivering him to my doctor's office.” The other driver leaned out of his window. “I hate to tell you, lady,” he said, “but I think it's too late!” *(Trudy Y. Vineyard, in Reader's Digest)***

**Wanting to take his wife out for the evening, a father dropped his ten-year-old son off at grandpa's house. As the father went out the door, grandpa asked, “When do you want him back?” “When he's nineteen!” reported the father. *(Leslie B. & Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips, p. 51)***

**In 1963, Adlai E. Stevenson spoke to the students at Princeton University. “I understand I am here to speak and you are here to listen,” she said. “Let’s hope we both finish at the same time.” *(Pat Herrington, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Robber asks the policeman after being arrested: “Where were you five minutes ago when someone was stealing my getaway car?” *(Mike Baldwin, in Cornered comic strip)***

**A Southern minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, “If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.” With even greater emphasis he said, “And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.” And then finally, he said, “And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.” Sermon complete, he then sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, “For our closing song, let us sing Hymn No. 385, Shall We Gather at the River.” *(Denver Rocky Mountain News)***

**Question: How can you tell when an airplane is about to experience turbulence? Answer: The flight attendant is serving coffee. *(Joey Adams)***

**For the passage – “I can’t remember if I turned off the iron” – which may well be mankind’s most fateful words of summer, usually spoken by your mother / wife / prospective homicide victim when you’ve driven about 200 miles from home and finally are beginning to unwind on vacation. *(Bill Flick, 1989)***

**Three men were standing under one umbrella, but no one got wet. How can this be? It wasn't raining. *(Denver Rocky Mountain News)***

**When Sears comes out with a riding vacuum cleaner, then I'll clean house. *(Roseanne, in Catholic Digest)***

**Hagar: “I’ve been out of town a lot lately, but now that I’m home, what was it you wanted me to do?” With snow on the ground outside the house, Helga yells back to him: “Rake the leaves.” *(Chris Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**An adult piano student of mine asked me to teach her Pachelbel's Canon, so she could play it at her friend's wedding. After a month of practice, however, she had made very little progress, and I warned her that she might not be ready to play the piece at the wedding. “Oh, that's okay,” she replied. “Her boyfriend hasn't proposed yet.” *(Elsie Anzalone, in Reader's Digest)***

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