**Living the Part**

**Yale University School of Medicine is going to put students at the bedside of patients earlier in their training in order to produce “doctors that are more humane and sensitive.” This step will help the student who spends his first two years in the book-filled and laboratory world of the classroom and “sometimes loses the wonderful idealism that made him want to become a doctor in the first place." *(John Conwell, in Quote magazine)***

**Bela Lugosi only made $3,500 from the movie Dracula, but acquired a role for life. He was buried in his vampire costume. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 18)***

**He’s only 25, but Jamie Aaron Kelley of Boone, Iowa, has impersonated Elvis Presley for 22 years and memorized more than 700 Elvis songs. *(American Profile magazine, April 10-16, 2005)***

**Judy Garland decided to appear in Valley of the Dolls even though she knew her character – a hopeless drug addict – was based on herself. Garland died of a drug overdose before the film went into production. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 18)***

**An English noblewoman was for years in mental torment as to whether there was a God. Because of her uncertainty in the matter she could find no peace of mind. On one occasion, leaving her home and many babbling guests, she went alone into the forest. There she cried aloud, “Dear God, if there be a God, reveal thyself to me.” And at once she seemed to hear a voice, saying, “Act as if I were, and thou shalt know that I AM.” This changed her whole life, and she found great peace. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You, p. 21)***

**First man: “It’s not always easy being married to a strong-willed woman. Would you say I’m a hen-pecked husband?” Second man: “I don’t know. What do you think?” First man: “I don’t know, but I wake up every morning crowing.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**In my high-school years, I had always considered history a boring subject. But at the conclusion of one college American-history class, the professor -- a stately dignified older man -- announced that we would reenact the Battle of Bunker Hill. The next day found us all out on the campus, running up and down hills behind our distinguished leader, picking up acorns and pelting them at one another, and shouting, “The British are coming! The British are coming! Fight for freedom!” I’ve loved history ever since. *(Sylvia Veal, in Reader’s Digest)***

**We’re serious about hockey here in Buffalo, N.Y. One day I was sitting on my porch, studying for an exam, when I saw the neighborhood kids setting up nets, putting on equipment and picking teams for an after-school game of street hockey. These are pretty typical goings-on here in Buffalo. But, then, one of the boys pulled out a tape player, hit the play button, and all the kids took off their helmets and sang along to the American and Canadian national anthems. *(Kitty Hull, in Reader’s Digest)***

**As a newcomer to the rural Olympic Peninsula of Washington State, I hired a man to take down a 125-foot-high fir tree that threatened my house. We agreed on a modest price, and I asked him about his insurance. Like most of the local workers, he had none. “What if the tree falls on my house?” I asked. “If you want that kind of insurance, call Seattle,” he said. “But I’m willing to leave my truck right where it is.” The truck was halfway between the tree and my house.” *(David F. Reynolds, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Live your life, don't just spend it. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**James Madison was the only President to exercise actively his role as commander-in-chief of U.S. military forces. On August 25, 1814, when British troops were attacking Washington, D.C., during the War of 1812, Madison took command of Commodore Joshua Barney’s battery in Bladensburg, Maryland, in an attempt to protect the capital, which lay a few miles to the south. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 256)***

**Wolfgang Mozart, one of the world’s foremost composers, died while creating a requiem mass for the dead. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 323)***

**The first children to get the polio vaccine were those of Jonas Salk. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**So that its cars will better handle U.S. roads, the British auto maker BL Ltd. (formerly known as British Leyland) has reproduced in its car-testing track near Coventry some of New York City’s potholes. Plaster casts were made of the wheel-crackers and used in the design of the test truck. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 286)***

**A real-estate developer should have to live in his own subdivision for the first year of its existence. *(Sydney J. Harris, Field Newspaper Syndicate)***

**I always thought you couldn’t talk about rednecks unless you are one, and I are one. *(Jeff Foxworthy)***

**Most fine artists who draw human beings are actors of a sort. With their own bodies, they mimic the stances of the figures they sketch. It is said Norman Rockwell did it, always himself striking the gesture and the pose. Dante wrote: “Who paints a figure, if he cannot be it, he cannot draw it.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A classic film scene became almost too real for a famous star. Jean Seberg was playing St. Joan in the climactic stake scene when her clothes caught fire and she nearly got grilled. *(Ripley's Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 9)***

**My brother-in-law was looking for a job and stopped by a furniture store that was interviewing for a sales position. When he arrived, he found several applicants ahead of him. Instead of just sitting there, he started selling furniture. By the time it was his turn, he had sold $2,600 worth of merchandise. He was hired on the spot. *(James E. Kaler, in Reader's Digest)***

**A theatre in Manteca, California, erupted in flames shortly after the end of its feature presentation. The film? The Towering Inferno. *(Denver P. Tarle, in A Treasury of Trivia, p. 312)***

**Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches. *(Proverb)***

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