



The Bedside Book of Celebrity Bloopers

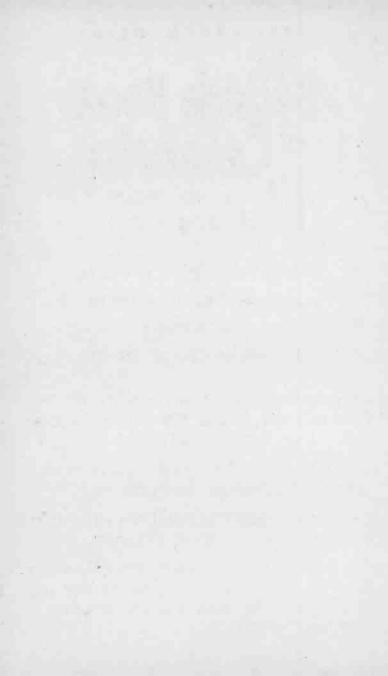
and catch your favorite celebrities once more with their proverbial pants down

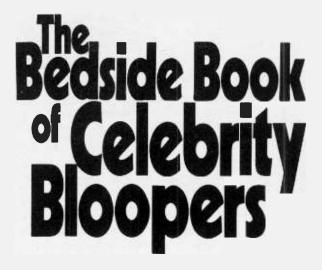
What do *you* have in common with Dick Clark, Johnny Carson, Raquel Welch, Ronald Reagan, John Glenn, and Zsa Zsa Gabor?

You've all suffered from the leading cause of adult hilarity, "foot-in-mouth disease."

Here is a sidesplitting collection of the world's greatest celebrities' goofs and gaffes.

The Bedside Book of Celebrity Gossip is filled with TV and radio's most memorable malaprops, fabulous flops, and faux pas from all your favorite stars.





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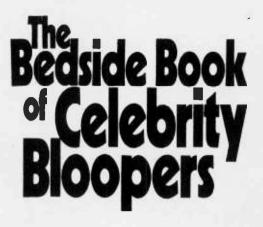
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Inside Joke

Johnny Carson had Dyan Cannon as his guest on "The Tonight Show." He attempted to show his close friendship with the movie actress by telling the audience that he had a "deep, penetrating relationship with her." Needless to say the audience screamed with laughter.

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Paging Raquel Welch

Heard on the "Outdoor Life" program: "Our first guest this afternoon is one of the nation's outstanding experts on birds, who has just returned from an extended trip to Australia. In addition to bringing back several parrots, she boasts of owning the largest parateets in captivity."

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I'll Buy That

When a skeptical TV reporter asked how his years of playing ball had prepared him to manage a pro club, Yogi Berra answered, "You can observe a lot just by watching."

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It's What's Up Front That Counts

Sammy Davis, Jr., hosted "Sammy & Company," which featured guest celebrities. Adrienne Barbeau, who played Maude's daughter on the TV series "Maude," wore a very low-cut gown. As she talked to Sammy, he kept staring at this cleavage and asked, "How much of that is real?" When the audience broke up he said, "I mean the character that you play on 'Maude.'"

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Doin' What Comes Naturally

On the Johnny Carson show the following situation came up: Johnny was interviewing Helen and Frank Beardsley of California, parents of twenty children. Johnny asked, "How do you manage, having twenty children?" Mrs. Beardsley replied, "I'm doing what I enjoy most, I guess I was just made for it."

The audience went wild. After they left, Johnny said, "I only have three children, I don't know how they do it." Someone from the audience hollered, "Oh, yes you do!"

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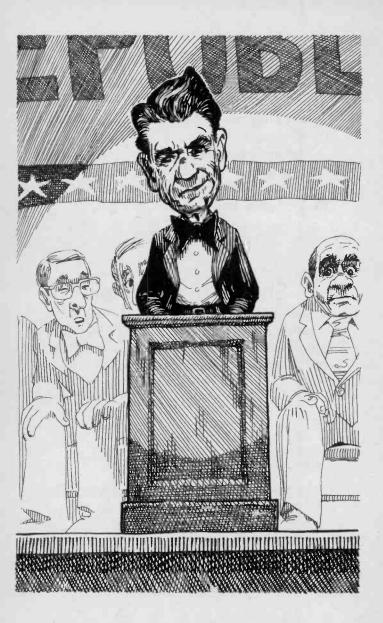
She Sells Sea Shells

Former Miss America Bess Meyerson, describing the beauty pageant, told of the bathing beauties spending the day taking pictures on the *broad walk* at the she shore in Atlantic City.

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Fish Story

On the popular TV cooking program "The French Chef," featuring Julia Child, the following was heard: "It's best to go to the fish market early Friday morning and leave your odor."



Watch Your P's and Q's

COMMENTATOR: "Ronald Reagan was expected to make a personal pee to the G.O. Plee Platform Committee."

Order, Please

When Pope Paul visited this country, he stayed at Cardinal Spellman's residence in New York. NBC's Bill Ryan, who described this momentous visit, told the TV millions that "Pope Paul has just left Cardinal Spellman's restaurant...er, residence...after having a bite to eat, for Yankee Stadium."

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Curtain Time

On "Play Your Hunch," starring Merv Griffin as emcee, there were three men shown, to stump the contestants. Each one had a pole in his hand with the upper part obscured by a curtain. On only one of these poles, a mason's hod was balanced. Merv said, "Now to score another point, can you tell me which one of these men has a hod on his pole!"

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Beverly Hillbilly

Dinah Shore had opera singer Beverly Sills as her guest. Dinah blooped, "I wish to thank a great talent for appearing on my show...Beverly Hills...I mean opera star Beverly Sills!"

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Hell to the Chief

The best-known Blooper in my collection of unintended indiscretions before microphone and camera is the legendary classic moment when veteran announcer Harry von Zell introduced President Herbert Hoover in early-day radio thus: "Ladies and gentlemen...the President of the United States...Hoobert Heever!"

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Pick Me Up

On New Year's Eve, Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show" participated in NBC-TV festivities, which included mobile unit pickups from the Times Square area. In the spirit of the evening Johnny told his viewers, "We now switch you to Forty-second Street and Broadway for a Times Square pickup."

Really Big

NEWSCASTER: "Beautiful Raquel Welch has won the Inter-State Theater Star of the Sixties Award and the 1967 International Star of the Year from Cinerama and Pacific Theaters. Miss Welch is the proud owner of two really big ones."

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Love at First Sight

When I appeared with Merv Griffin as the guest on his new late-night show on CBS-TV, Merv related this blooper on the air. "On the first day of my new afternoon show, I couldn't wait to see who our first sponsor was. It turned out to be a well-known laxative. I eagerly said, 'Well...we're off and running."

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Total Recall

Walter Cronkite was reading the news about Rolls-Royce having a recall campaign, when he said, "Rolls-Royce announced today that it is recalling all Rolls-Royce cars made after 1966 because of faulty nuts behind the steering wheels."

Take Him over the Coals

On Station CJOH, Ottawa, Canada, during the 11:00 P.M. news, Larry Henderson (the news commentator), talking about the pope lighting the new fire for Easter, said, "The fire was lit in a brassiere... I beg your pardon, I mean *brazier*!"

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Double Jeopardy

Art Fleming of "Jeopardy" should have been awarded a medal for composure for his stone-faced performance on this one: In question to the answer "A decorative section of the bowsprit on sailing vessels," a young lady replied, "What is a maidenhead?"

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Small Kraft Warning

Announcer Ed Herlihy blooped: "Another delicious combination for these hot days, also by Kraft, is a chilled grease sandwich and a choke!"

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Nipped in the Bud

On the last day of "The Merv Griffin Show" for Westinghouse, Merv was introducing young singer Julie Budd. Talking about old times, Merv came out with this Blooper: "Since we discovered Julie when she was twelve, she really developed (*chuckles from audience*). Oh, come on," Merv replied.

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Nature in the Raw

On Art Linkletter's kid show, he asked a little girl what she would buy if she had ten dollars. This was her reply: "I would buy my parents some pajamas, because they sleep together without any clothes on!"

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So | Ain't Neat

INTERVIEWER: "Doris Day, I've seen your new picture Young at Heart, and I think it's simply wonderful!"

DORIS DAY: "That's great, except we haven't even started shooting Young at Heart yet!"

Real George

On "This Morning," an ABC conversation program, host Dick Cavett's guest was Christine Jorgenson (once George Jorgenson), who was discussing her sex change. She explained that there were eight or more different places in the body where sex is determined. "Sex is not determined by genitals alone."

• Whereupon the host came out with, "I don't quite think I grasp that...I'm sorry, that's an awful thing to say." The entire studio broke up with laughter.

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True or False

Allen Ludden on "Password" asked Juliet Prowse which imitation in her night club act she liked the most.

"Mae West," was Juliet's reply.

Allen remarked that she wore a padded dress for this, which looked very realistic. "But it's not the Juliet I know," Allen commented (*audience laughter*).

"Oh, really?" asked Juliet.

Time to Retire

The long hours of the Apollo moon landing began to tell on veteran newsman Walter Cronkite when he told his millions of viewers that "Blast-off was scheduled at 11:00 P.OFF...P.M.!"

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Unfare Remark

Comedienne Carol Burnett made it a practice to interview people in her audience as part of her own "Carol Burnett" TV program. On one occasion she chatted with a cab driver who enthusiastically told her and her network TV audience that he "had her in my taxi!"

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For Pete's Sake

On a Joey Bishop show Sammy Davis, Jr., and Peter Lawford came on to plug their movie Salt and Pepper. When it came time to show a film clip of the movie, Joey announced, "And now for a few scenes from the new movie Salt and Peter!" Everyone broke up, including Joey.

Hostess with the Mostest

Oleg Cassini did the commentary on a fashion show he presented on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show." He described a gown worn by one of his models in this way: "This is a lovely hostess dinner dress with a very low neckline for easy entertaining."

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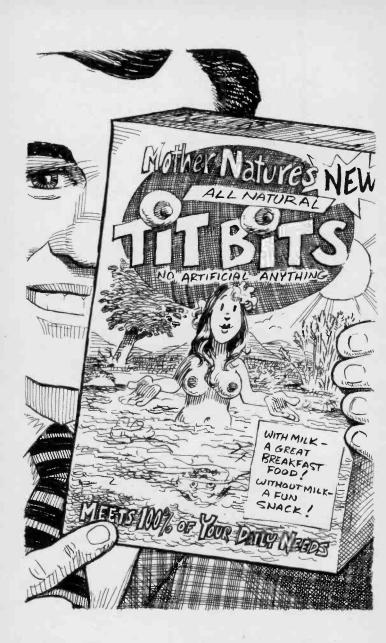
Bedtime Story

On "The Joey Bishop Show," Senator Barry Goldwater had been asked by Joey if he would like to be on the show twice a week. The senator replied, "No, thank you, I'd much rather watch you in bed with my wife."

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Answer Yes or No

David Frost had F. Lee Bailey as his guest. They were discussing Truman Capote's book *In Cold Blood.* David turned to his studio audience, and asked, "How many of you read the film or saw the book?"



Breast Feeding On "The \$10,000 Pyramid," Dick Clark said, "Try this delicious breast food every morning... that should be breakfast food."

Turn-On

On the "60 Minutes" program, featuring Mike Wallace and Morley Safer, a tribute to Judy Garland was presented. A good portion of this mini-special dealt with Judy Garland's drug habits. CBS switchboards lit up with many callers who were amazed and amused at the impropriety of a Nytol sleeping tablet commercial that followed.

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He's Got to Go

Johnny Carson said on "The Tonight Show," "Here's how to relieve an upsex stomach...I mean an upsep stomach...with Sex Lax...Ex-lax!"

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Even Your Best Friend Won't Tell You

ANNOUNCER: "Go to your neighborhood theater to see Rita Hayworth, whose Salami will take your breath away...that should be Salome."

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Just Reward

Comedians Don Rickles and Red Buttons appeared as guests on "The Mike Douglas Show." Rickles was singing the praises of a Danny Thomas-produced program entitled "Zero Man." In his enthusiasm for the program Rickles inadvertently said, "I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Danny Thomas got an Enema Award for this one."

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Shaggy Dog Story

On the NBC "Today" show, newscaster Merrill Mueller did the commercial lead-in for Alpo Dog Food thus: "I see Hugh Downs is keeping some shady lady lately...I mean some shaggy company lately...I mean a shaggy dog lately!"

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He Must Be Choking

Curt Gowdy, during the broadcast of a World Series game between the Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals and also during a football game between the Chargers and the Raiders, observed: "Folks, this is perfect weather for today's game. Not a breath of air."

Doctor Cronkite

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CBS newscaster Walter Cronkite blooped the following: "Prayers were offered throughout the world as Pope Paul planned for prostate surgery at the Pentagon...that should be the Vatican."

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Ready Eddie

NEWSCASTER: "It was reported that Connie Stevens was about to give birth to a child. When questioned, Eddie Fisher would not comment about the impending blessed event. This report was verified by a source believed responsible."

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Beauty and the Beast

Johnny Carson had five Miss America contestants as guests on his program, as well as other guests. He referred to them in this fashion: "... and on our show tonight we have five Miss America contestants and also some dogs (*audience roars*)... I mean real dogs (*more audience laughter*)... come on, now, you know I mean dogs that bark!"

Cat-Astrophic

MOVIE COMMERCIAL: "Saturday at the Movies' brings you another hit motion picture. See Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman together in Cot on a Hot Tin Roof."

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On Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show" a collector of butterflies was Johnny's guest. When Johnny was shown some handsome frames that displayed the butterflies under glass, Johnny asked, "How do you mount a butterfly? It must be very difficult."

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He's a Big One!

Johnny Carson during a lead-in for a Jolly Green Giant commercial looked into the camera and said, "Have you ever walked out of your house and found yourself face to face with a huge green fruit?"

Red Face

On "The Red Skelton Show" a few years ago Red was talking about root beer; he suggested to his viewers that they drink plenty of root beer because "it is good for your root." It took the audience quite a while to get over that one!!

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Without Rhyme or Reasoner

"This is Harry Reasoner reminding you to tune in this Sunday when CBS-TV will prevent the Johnson wedding!"

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Age Before Beauty

Bob Hope, sponsor of the annual Desert Classic Golf Tournament broadcast from Palm Springs, California, was stalling for time while Arnold Palmer and Ray Floyd were out on the golf course playing, sudden death having come into the eighteenth hole in a tie. This was the tournament in which the celebrated Vice President Spiro T. Agnew "beanings" took place. Hope decided to interview the scantily attired Desert Classic girls who acted as scorekeepers. He asked one girl, "How old are you?" "Twenty-four," she replied. "I've got balls older than that," said Hope. Realizing what he had said when he heard the audience surrounding the eighteenth hole roar, he countered with, "Of course, I mean golf balls!"

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On "The Mike Douglas Show" Mike was having a discussion with Sheila MacRae and a well-known children's doctor. Mike asked: "Doctor, is it dangerous to thuck your sumb?"

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Help!

Curt Gowdy dropped this classic during the broadcast of the AFL All-Star Game. Noting that a downpour had formed a small lagoon on the field of play, he remarked: "If there's a pileup there, they'll have to give some of the players artificial insemination."

Flipping His Lid

Accepting the Oscar award on behalf of Cliff Robertson, Academy Award winner for the best actor role in *Charlie*, the recipient said that he regretted that Robertson was not present, "as he was *flipping* in the *Filmapinnes*."

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Out of This World

When Astronaut Wally Schirra appeared as a guest for an interview on "Meet the Press," panelist Lawrence Spivak asked: "How does it feel to be in a state of *wastelessness*?"

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Just Ducky

News director John Nance tells about the time ABC newsman Peter Jennings blooped, "A group of American marines got a good look at how the Vietcong treat their prisoners today in the jungles of South Vietnam. A marine patrol came across the remains of a small VC prison camp near the jungle highlands village of Fuck Doh...that should be Duc Pho."

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Billy the Kid

Many of the talk shows have music when it's time for a commercial. David Frost, anticipating just such a moment, observed, "We have to take a break, because I can see Billy is about to tinkle again."

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Get the Picture?

Johnny Carson had Tony Randall as his guest on "The Tonight Show." Johnny asked Tony to read a cue card for his next commercial, Camelon panty hose. Tony read, "And now here's a word about a panty hose that fits almost any man or woman..." While trying to figure that one out, Johnny was holding up a Kodak camera sign. He blurted out, "Now here's a word from Kotex...Kodak."

Ladies' Day

Hugh Downs had Timothy Leary as his guest on the "Today" show. The discussion centered about Leary's provocative books on habit-forming drugs. Downs interrupted the discussion with, "Before we continue, let's take a look at this type of pot that the ladies will enjoy—*TEFLON*!"

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Chick and Double Chick

A television network news commentator, describing the historic Apollo moon landing, observed that "Astronaut Alan Shepard is now going over his chick list before launching."

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Hard Question

Heard on the ABC-TV "Newlywed Game": "Couple number three: What Beatle song reminds you of your wedding night?" "'It's Been a Hard Day's Night'!"

Fly Now, Play Later

Dan Rowan of "Laugh-In" appeared with Dick Cavett on his late-night program. Rowan seemed to be bothered by a fly during the course of his interview. Dick kept kidding him about the pest, and at one point he said, "After station break, we'll talk about vour fly."

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While Burns Roams

On the Johnny Carson "Tonight Show," George Burns told Rosemary Clooney that after all these years singing is all he can do. He then asked Rosemary: "How come you and José Ferrer have five children?" to which she replied "José doesn't sing!" "Oh, he does it the hard way." Burns snapped back.

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Just Peachy David Brinkley, during the description of former Congresswoman Rankin's unprecedented protest trip to Washington, told his viewers that "... accompanying Miss Rankin are five thousand women peach marchers."

HENRY, IWANTTO MAKE ONE THING PERFECTLY CLEAR HAW HAW HAW! DID YOU HEAR THAT ? HAW HAW I'M BEGINNINGTO SOUND LIKE ONE OF THOSE COMICS IMITATING ME! HAW WW NOW, I'VE GOT A FAR OUT IDEA! HANK, GROK THIS : IF I DO GET IMPEACHED ... I COULD DO AN ACT IMPERSONATING. A COMEDIAN IMITATING ME HAW HAW HEY, HOW LONG YOU GONNA HOLD ONTO THAT (expletive deleted) ROOFER ? HAW C'MON HANK. GIMME A HIT. WILL YA: HAW HAW HAVE

Rock Festival

NEWSCASTER: "Good evening. Here are tonight's headlines: 'Nixon Gets Stoned on Trip'..."

You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me

On the original "Tonight Show," Eva Gabor, wanting to tell Jack Paar that she watched his show every night, came out with this classic: "You know, Jack, I go to sleep with you every night!"

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False Impressions

Eva Gabor appeared as a guest on "The Merv Griffin Show." Merv asked if she was afraid of being robbed after appearing on the program with her sparkling necklace being shown on camera. Merv kept looking at her necklace, which draped her low-cut gown. She replied, "You know, Merv, everything I got is fake.... I mean jewelry!"

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Wrong Turn

Dick Cavett was discussing transsexuals with a medical authority on his late-night show. Cavett remarked, "You know, doctor, with all of this confusion about which sex is which, you don't know which way to turn."

Fly-by-Night

TV personality Hugh Downs relates the story about movie actor Adolphe Menjou, for years one of America's Ten Best-Dressed Men, who appeared as a guest on "The Jack Paar Tonight Show." Mr. Menjou, the epitome of fashion, was told by the unpredictable Paar, "Mr. Menjou, you have failed to activate your zipper!"

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Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime

When Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis were teamed together they made a motion picture for Paramount entitled *The Caddy*. They made several spot commercials, plugging the picture. This is how one of the printable takes went: "Hello, everybody, this is Dean Martin." "And this is Jerry Lewis, telling you to see our latest picture for Paramount called *The Caddy*." Dean went on to say, "*The Caddy* is one of the most righteous pictures you will ever see—" Jerry interrupted, "Righteous?" Where the fuck do you see 'Righteous?"

From Out of the Blue

Guests on an interview show were discussing the 1969 Academy Awards. A film clip from *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* was shown in which Butch and Sundance jumped over a cliff uttering a fourletter word. One of the interviewees had commented that this objectionable word was censored. Another guest replied, "Yes, they cut the shit out of *Butch Cassidy*."

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Small Wonder

Dr. David Reuben, whose sex book has been a best-seller, appeared as a guest on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show." He tried to make a point by saying that in this space age we can send an astronaut two hundred ninety-three thousand miles, but he can't get within seven inches of his target. Before he could explain his thought, actor Tony Randall, also a guest, chimed in with, "What's this about an undersized astronaut?"

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Knots to You

When I appeared with David Frost as his guest on his TV program, he related this Blooper, which occurred on the BBC in England. An actor in a dramatic moment was supposed to have said, "Truss the victim up in my tie." However, in the excitement of the action he blooped, "Tie the victim up in my truss."

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No Strings Attached

On "The Tonight Show," host Johnny Carson introduced guest star Shari Lewis in this fashion: "And now a girl who is one of the bust pepiteers in the business!!!"

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One of a Kind

Lawrence Welk blew this intro on his syndicated TV show: "We're going to do a medley of songs from World War Eye!"

Broad Statement

Interviewer Phil Donahue had eminent psychologist Harold Greenwald as his guest. Greenwald appeared in connection with his book entitled *The Elegant Prostitute*. Donahue observed that "after visiting with hundreds of prostitutes, Greenwald has come up with a detailed *broad* study of this problem."

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Nutty as a Fruit Cake

Latin bombshell Charo appeared on "The Mike Douglas Show." She blooped, "You know, Mike, I nearly got a part in the movie One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nuts."

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Medicine Man

Hugh Downs, veteran announcer, was doing a Rem Cough Medicine commercial on the Jack Paar show. He blooped the following: "So when you have a cough due to a cold, always keep some *Rum* on hand!" He countered with, "This may be good cough medicine, but I don't think it was what the sponsor had in mind."

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Quite a Dish

QUIZ PROGRAM: "Are you ready for your next question? Well, you will be twenty-five dollars richer if you guess the next answer. Remember, if you guess it, our sponsors will send you a twenty-five-dollar United States Savings Bond. Now for the question. Russia is famous for its borscht, France is famous for its crêpes suzette—now tell me, what famous dish is Hungary noted for?"

ANSWER: "Zsa Zsa Gabor!"

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Nice Trick If You Can Do It

Heard on "The French Chef": "Then you add two forkfuls of cooking oil..."

Judy, Judy, Judy

DISC JOCKEY: "And now here's an ever-popular favorite, Judy Garland singing, 'Ding, Ding, Ding Went the Trollop.'"

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Little Caesar

On the Texaco Star Theater, one of the principal actors played a prominent part in the dramatization of Julius Caesar. He had a very important line whereby he was to introduce Bruce Cabot, who was the star of the Shakespearean play. Here is how the introduction came off. "Hail the conquering hero, great leader of armies, renowned figure in history, Sid Caesar!"

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Up, Up and Away

On the New York broadcast of "The Mike Douglas Show," a woman asked Chad Everett what his measurements were. His reply was "Which one?" Later on, another woman asked Everett when he enjoyed his first sexual encounter. CBS bleeped his answer. However, a lip reader wrote that his answer was "As soon as I was able to get it up!"

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He Doesn't Give a Hoot

One night Johnny Carson had an animal trainer as a guest on his "Tonight Show." When they had to break for a commercial, Carson advised listeners to "stay tuned, because right after this we're going to be seeing a horny owl."

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Bono No No

Cher Bono was singing "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves." At the end of the song the disc jockey announced, "That was Cher Porno...er...singing Typsies, Gramps and Thieves...'"

I'd Rather Fight Than Switch

Heard on a Michigan TV station: "Stay tuned for tonight's movie, *Take the High Ground*, starring Richard Widmark. This is the story of a tough marine sergeant who takes a platoon of fighting men and turns them into a bunch of raw recruits."

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Animal Crackers

When Mike Douglas was interviewing Wayne Newton's Japanese wife, they talked about Wayne's love of animals. Mike asked Mrs. Newton, "Have you always liked animals?" "No, not until I met Wayne."

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A Pair of Cities

A well-known Hollywood movie gossip commentator came out with this gem of a Blooper: "... and from Rome comes word of a new movie scheduled to go into production soon, starring Sophia Loren. Several locations for the film are being considered for Miss Loren...among them Florence and Nipples, Italy...er...Naples."

Boy Wonder

During the course of an exciting Raiders-Chiefs football game, sportscaster Curt Gowdy blooped, "The seventy-eight yard drive was led by fourteen-year-old veteran, Lenny Dawson!"

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Flipp-Her

Popular TV and recording star Glen Campbell was sitting on the edge of a small concrete fish pond, singing a duet with a female guest. At the end of the number, Glen spread his arms out in a big finish. His singing companion went flying backward, falling into the pond for an unexpected bath.

Novel Idea

LOUELLA PARSONS: "It is rumored here in Hollywood that the film company bought the rights to a new navel for Audrey Hepburn."

Charity Begins at Home

The following was heard on "The Joey Bishop Show." Joey was telling a socialite guest that he remembered that she was the sponsor of a charity event. Joey innocently asked, "By the way, how was your affair...er...I mean, tell us about your latest affair."

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Jack Be Nimble

Jack Paar appeared in an NBC-TV special entitled "Jack Paar's Diary." Jack had just surfaced from a car submerged in about fifteen feet of water. He was 'taking a lesson on surviving if his car fell in. He surfaced and started telling about it. Scheduled next was a cut to a commercial, but apparently they stayed on him too long. A few seconds before the commercial, Paar said, "Let's get the hell out of here!"

Heads Up

DISC JOCKEY: And now, the hit song from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid starring Paul Newman, Burt Bacharach's beautiful ballad, "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Bed"!

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Game Called Because of Wetness

SPORTSCASTER: "It's raining again, and it appears just a matter of minutes before play will be called because of the weather. As the Pittsburgh Pirates' pitcher stands on the mound, you can barely see the P.P. on his muddy uniform."



National Erections

JOHN CHANCELLOR: "Nine Democratic presidential candidates exposed themselves in Washington, D.C., before the Democratic governors."

On "The Tonight Show," Johnny Carson was telling how he disliked cabs and had walked to work that evening rather than take a taxi. He told viewers, "A cabbie drove by giving me a peace sign...half of which I returned."

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A Ding-a-Ling

During one of Steve Allen's shows he kept substituting the word "dingdong" for other words. He had on this particular show a culinary expert to whom Steve said, "The way to a man's heart is through his *dingdong*." It should have been stomach, of course.

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TV Daddy

Mike Douglas often becomes victim to spoonerisms, unintended interchanges of syllables. One such lapse occurred when he had Milton Berle as his guest. Mike was seriously relating many of Milton's valuable contributions to television, when he said, "Milton, we owe you a gret of dadditude."

Aloha

Sportscaster Chris Schenkel was broadcasting the football game between the college all-stars in the annual Hula Bowl game, which was played in Hawaii and beamed to fans nationwide by satellite. Also part of the broadcast team was former Oklahoma football coach Bud Wilkinson and All-American football great O. J. Simpson. A TV camera switched to a pretty coed in the stands, which prompted Schenkel to ask, "Bud, isn't that the young lady who gave us a lei before the game?"

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Help!

Barbara Walters, when she was one of the co-emcees on the NBC "Today" show, had talented actress Mercedes McCambridge as her guest. Miss McCambridge was to tell of her gallant victory over alcohol. The wellmeaning and usually reliable Barbara told her viewers that her guest was at one time "in dire need of trouble."

Hands Off

Heard on a Smothers Brothers summer show: Just before a commercial break, the announcer blurted out, "Don't play with your knob...we'll be right back!"

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I'm Not Thirsty

TV personality David Frost was discussing the problems of pollution on his syndicated TV program. He told how important he thought it was for pollution inspectors to "personally pass drinking water."

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Wild, Wild West

On "The Merv Griffin Show," Arch Obler was talking about the time he had written an Adam and Eve sketch which was to star Mae West. Obler was talking about Miss West's unusual method of making transactions, writing checks and doing business, when he blooped: "I said that because Mae West does all her business in her bedroom. I mean she does everything in her bedroom...Now I'm getting in deeper!"

Out of This World

Heard on "Star Trek," popular sciencefiction series, when Captain Kirk, the hero, fell in love with a woman who was plotting to destroy a planet: "Millions of people who have never died before will be killed."

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Nuts to You

In his anxiety to please his new sponsor, Chock Full o' Nuts, on NBC-TV, popular comedian Morey Amsterdam tripped over the client's name and spurted out, "You will enjoy a Jock Full o' Nuts Special at lunchtime."

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I've Got a Secret

Art Linkletter has learned that children don't have many secrets. Just to make conversation, he asked a little girl what her mother had told her not to do that day. "She told me not to announce that she was pregnant."



I Ain't Got No Body

SPORTSCASTER: "DiMaggio is back, back, back to the wall, his head hits it, it drops to the ground, he picks it up and throws it to third."

Just Ducky

NEWSCASTER: "... and Florida's candidate for governor, Reuben Askew, accused incumbent Governor Claude Cluck...er, Kirk of ducking the issue."

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Hello, Canada!

Larry Mann was doing an interview program from Toronto. One night his guests were Jayne Mansfield and Mickey Hargitay, her husband. Mann was questioning Jayne about her early career and her financial problems. He leaned forward, staring straight at Jayne, who was, as usual, wearing an extremely low-cut dress, and said, "Tell me, though, Jayne, has there ever been a time when you were flat busted?" Jayne just sat there and couldn't say a word.

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Daze of the Month

Usually reliable Walter Cronkite drew a complete blank at the close of one of his nightly news programs. He turned to the TV camera, as he had done countless times in the past and said, "And that's the way it is...on this...what day is this?...Oh, yes ...October sixteenth...(*laughing*)...Good night!"

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A Real Pip

A disc jockey on a university campus radio station introduced a recording by Gladys Knight and the Pips with the following: "And now, rock 'n' roll fans, here's a new record by Gladys Knight and the Pimps!"

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Learn, Baby, Learn

Consumer crusader Ralph Nader appeared on "The Mike Douglas Show." The conversation centered on Nader's findings concerning alleged false nutrition claims. He said, "For instance, we are looking into some of the claims made by a leading booby foob company." Mike snapped back with, "You had better be careful what you say... there may be a lot of boobies watching this show."

Shady Lady

Musical comedy star Carol Channing appeared as a guest with Johnny Carson on his "Tonight Show." When it came time for him to do a latex paint commercial, he held up the sponsor's product. Carol interrupted to tell how she had used the paint and found it to be very good. Johnny replied, "You see, an ordinary lady we picked up off the street." After the audience roared, Johnny apologized, "Come, now, you know I don't mean that kind of lady."

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A Broad Statement

Christine Jorgenson appeared as a guest on "The Mike Douglas Show" after an extensive trip. Mike innocently asked Miss Jorgenson how long she was "abroad," much to the delight of a chuckling audience.

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Station Break

Steve Allen was demonstrating the virtues of a nonbreakable fiberglass chair on "The

Tonight Show." The manufacturer had told him to take a hammer and strike the chair as hard as he wished. After the first whack, pandemonium broke loose when he poked a hole right through the chair.... He bailed himself out by ad-libbing: "Well, anyway, this hammer is made of fiberglass."

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Big Man

On "What's My Line," Arlene Francis asked the mystery guest if he was a male. Blindfolded guest panelist, Vincent Price, after hearing the guest's voice, chimed in, "All male from stem to stern!"

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Having a Ball

Lucille Ball appeared as a guest on "The Virginia Graham Show." Also appearing as a guest was a magician, who was displaying his remarkable sleight-of-hand tricks with little disappearing balls. At one point of his act he told Lucille, "You think I have two balls," to which she replied, "I hope so!"

The Birds and the Bees

Singer Pat Boone appeared as a guest cohost on "The Mike Douglas Show." Pat brought with him his wife, Shirley, and his four daughters, who sang on the program. When Mike probed into Pat's married life, he asked if Shirley traveled with him, to which Pat replied, "It seemed that my wife Shirley was always pregnant until we found out what was causing it.... I mean—" (The audience laughter continued into the next commercial, and viewers never did find out what he meant.)

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The Cat's Meow

Johnny Carson had as his guest a woman who ran a cattery—an establishment for the care and sale of cats. Johnny shook up his late-night viewers with, "... and in a little while we are going to bring out a lady who runs a cat house."

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A Great Pair

SPECIAL EVENTS: The following Blooper occurred when beautiful Raquel Welch was called upon to make an Academy Award presentation: "My name is Raquel Welch....I am here for visual effects" (*audience laughter*). "And I have two of them" (*more laughter*). "I mean nominations for *Marooned* and *Krakatoa*, *East of Java*!"

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Red, White and Lavender

Steve Allen, substituting for Dick Cavett, decided to take one of the studio cameras out on the street to photograph people. The camera swung around to an old fire station with a flag hanging listlessly in the still air. Allen commented, "And you can tell there's very little wind in New York today by looking at that limp fag...uh, flag."

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Odd Couple

While introducing her guest, Jack Klugman, Carol Burnett mentioned that at one time "Jack was Ethel Merman's leading lady...ah, leading man!"

Curt Remark

During the 1971 World Series, sports enthusiasts across the country tried to figure out what Curt Gowdy meant when he said, "Brooks Robinson is not a fast man, but his arms and legs move very quickly."

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Koochie Koochie

Vivacious Latin star Charo appeared as a guest on "The Merv Griffin Show." She told Merv that whenever she sees him her heart goes "peter peter."

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Slips That Pass in the Night

While doing a commercial for a leading fabric softener, Ed McMahon was supposed to have slid a pin through a diaper while saying, "See how easy it is to pass through." Unfortunately, when air time came, he stabbed the pin into the diaper and told startled viewers, "See how easy it is to pee through."

Nit Picking

Johnny Carson introduced a commercial on "The Tonight Show" thus: "And now, friends, we're going to show you how vinyl paneling is tougher than Ray Nitschke of the Green Bay Pickers!"

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Tom, Dick or Harry

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton appeared in an exclusive interview on "The David Frost Show." In a serious moment, David queried, "Now that you have all of the material things of life, what do you want most, a baby by Richard?" Liz came back with, "Who else?"

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Making an Ass of Himself

This Blooper was contributed by Peter Marshall, host of the "Hollywood Squares" game show. He was paraphrasing one of Emily Post's rules of etiquette when he said, "When a man is finished smoking a cigar, should he leave his butt in the asstray?...I mean leave his butt in the *ash*tray!"

Moving Story

Tiny Tim was a guest on "The Mike Douglas Show," when he told the audience he had lost forty pounds on a diet of onions and prune juice. Host Douglas commented, "Well, that ought to keep you moving." The audience broke up, and Douglas tried to cover the Blooper by saying, "I mean from place to place."

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And That's the Way It Is

Even experienced newscasters like Walter Cronkite can make mistakes, as evidenced by the remarks he made after the late President Eisenhower returned from a vacation in Florida: "Apparently the Florida vacation did him a lot of good. Ike returned today looking fanned and tit... that is, tanned and fit."

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One Liner

ANNOUNCER: "And now, here's the laugh king of the one-winer, Henny Youngman."

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An Orgy

All action disintegrated into hysterical laughter on "The Tonight Show" one evening, when beautiful, blond Carol Wayne told Johnny, "I had my first big affair; I had forty people."

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A Run for Your Money

ANNOUNCER: "Stay tuned for our Late Show movie, Laurence Harvey and Lee Remick starring in *The Running Man*, brought to you tonight by Ex-Lax."

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Floored!

During NBC's coverage of the 1972 Republican Convention, John Chancellor made reference to NBC's "floorless fear reporters." He attempted to correct himself, but this time it came out "fearless four reporters." Finally he admitted, "I can't say it. I couldn't at the Democratic Convention, either."

Glub Glub

STATION PROMO: "Jacques Cousteau and John Denver will do some unrewarding, er, underwear exploring tonight...underwater!"

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Some Like It Hot

Blond, buxom Carol Wayne wore a very revealing shorts-and-blouse ensemble on the Johnny Carson "Tonight Show." When Johnny asked her if the outfit was considered to be "hot pants," Miss Wayne answered, "Yes, I've always had hot pants."

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Bull Thrower

A contestant on "You Bet Your Life" was a bullfighter. He told emcee Groucho Marx that he had met more than three hundred bulls in the ring. Groucho snapped back with, "Young man, you must be the envy of every cow in Mexico!"

Oh, Johnny

During one of Johnny Carson's monologues he stated, "You know on New Year's Eve most people are prone (*audience laughs*)...not that kind of prone...I mean susceptible to liquor!"

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A New Twist

A lady pretzel baker making an appearance on "The Tonight Show" demonstrated to Johnny Carson and his late-night viewers the precise method of looping the dough to make the characteristic pretzel shape. Carson attempted to repeat her performance, but the dough didn't come out right. The lady gave him another strip of dough, saying, "Here, try this piece, I don't think yours was long enough. You can't do it if it's not the right length." The audience broke into hysterical laughter, and was just quieting down when Carson quipped, "Yes, I think I've heard that rumor before."



Inside Story

In an interview with astronaut John Glenn, a newsman asked what the toughest part of his training was. Glenn thought a moment, then answered: "That's a tough one, and it's hard to choose one in particular, but if you think of how many openings there are on the human body, and... uh, how far you can go in any one of them, you tell me which was the hardest test."

Advance to the Rear

Charo, the vivacious wife of band leader Xavier Cugat, speaks only broken English. However, due to her bubbly personality, she is a favorite on talk shows. When she was introduced to Fernando Lamas on "The Merv Griffin Show" one afternoon, she shocked the audience, and the worldly Mr. Lamas, when she announced, "Oh, I know all about you...I looked up your behind!" As the audience and other guests rocked with laughter, they realized she meant she had looked up his past.

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Burned Bras

Joey Bishop told his late-night viewers the following: "I was really shocked today. I was on Fifth Avenue, and the women's libbers were marching two abreast."

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Street Walkers

On the New Year's Eve "Tonight Show," Johnny Carson was interviewing some girls who were working in a nightclub that happened to be on strike. The girls were unhappy about the strike, so Johnny asked, "Why aren't you girls out on the streets?" (*audience starts laughing.*)..."What I really meant is, why aren't you picketing?"

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A Tight Squeeze

When Johnny Carson introduced his guest, composer Mac Davis, he credited the musician with having "a dozen songs in the top ten."

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A Lot of Feeling

Dick Cavett had Dyan Cannon as his guest on his late-night show. As she held his hand, he made this comment: "You're very touchy...uh, you're very touching...you touch a lot, don't you?"

Half Dozen of One, Six of the Other

MOVIE COMMERCIAL: "Coming next week to the Strand Theater, lovely Doris Day, starring in With Sex You Get Eggroll...With Six You Get Eggroll!"

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The World's First Blooper

On "The \$10,000 Pyramid," the contestant was giving clues on "People and things in fact and fiction." She gave this clue for Adam and Eve: The first two people. Betsy Palmer answered "Edam and Ave."

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How Does That Grab You?

When Joan Rivers hosted "The Tonight Show" one evening, her guests were Hugh O'Brien and Marty Allen. The discussion was about groupies, and how they fight to get pieces of clothing and locks of hair from their favorite entertainers. JOAN: "Hugh, you're so good-looking...did any woman ever try to grab anything of yours?"

HUGH: "Uh, well"...(audience starts breaking up.)

JOAN: "I mean clothing, silly."

ALLEN: "That ain't all they grab!"

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Gave Proof Through the Nyet...

NBC's veteran newsman John Chancellor was covering President Nixon's trip to Moscow when he made this classic boner. As the president disembarked from the plane at Moscow Airport, a Russian band saluted him by playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

CHANCELLOR: "And as President Nixon steps down from the plane, a band has begun playing the Soviet National Anthem."



X-Rated

On a "Hollywood Squares" program, Joey Bishop was asked to name the various performers who had played in different versions of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* through the years. After telling the names of the stars in the first two versions of the film, Bishop concluded with: "... and in 1932, Spencer Tracy did it with Ingrid Bergman after the first two virgins!"

Affairs of State

NEWSCASTER: "Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's whorin' affairs advisor...foreign affairs advisor, today told newsmen about his latest affair...that should read latest ladyfriend!"

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Freudian Slip

Heard on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show":

ED MCMAHON: "So stop in at your nearby hot pint dealer for a demonstration... I mean your near boy Hotpoint dealer!"

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Double Meaning

Peter Lawford and Shelley Winters were discussing the selling price Lawford was asking for his beach house.

PETER: "It's only a two-bedroom house, Shelley."

SHELLEY: "Yes, but they're all so used-looking as I remember them." (Audience starts to laugh.)... I didn't mean that!"

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The Other Side of Barbra Streisand

"See Barbra Streisand portray Funny Brice in Fanny Girl."

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Friendly Enemies

When Merv Griffin was competing with Johnny Carson for late-night talk show ratings he came out with this Blooper: "Two weeks ago the TV Academy gave me a dinner just so they wouldn't have to give me an enemy...Emmy!"

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Easy Does It!

When Johnny Carson had the sexy Golddiggers as guests on "The Tonight Show," he asked who was the tallest, shortest, quietest, youngest. After getting replies from the girls on all those questions, Carson then asked, "And who's the easiest..." The audience broke up with laughter before he could complete his sentence, "... to get along with?"

Honest John

During coverage of "Operation Cactus," a seizure of several hundred pounds of marijuana at the Texas/Mexico border, John Chancellor read the following interesting material:

CHANCELLOR: "There was a really big bust in Texas today, as U.S. and Mexican officials seized more than five hundred pounds of marijuana as it was being carried across the border. This was the result of several months of investigation under the auspices of Operation Cactus, which has been described by both Mexican and American spokesmen as a *joint* effort."

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Misery Loves Company

Johnny Carson was doing a bit on "The Tonight Show" called "Misery is...", when one of the gags came out this way: "Misery is having the funny feeling that while you are undressing, a guy is looking at you through his bernockerlers! binockillers...a telescope!!" A young woman on "The Dick Cavett Show" was discussing women's liberation with her host, when she said she felt sorry for the women who were trying so hard to change things, because they "don't have the same apparatus as men do." The audience broke up and Cavett tried to cover the error by saying, "She means they don't have the same tools." It was quite a while before things calmed down again.

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What's Up, Doc?

Apparently the writer was responsible for a classic Blooper that occurred on the Marcus Welby program on January 4, 1972. Dr. Welby demonstrated his keen medical perception during a conversation with his sonin-law. They discussed Welby's daughter's pregnancy, and the good doctor advised the son-in-law, "Well, at least you're over the hump."

Anyone Can Play

On ABC's game show "Password," host Allen Ludden told a surprised contestant, "Come on over and play with Michael Landon...(*audience laughter*)...Well, you know what I mean!"

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Strictly Legit

On a pre-Christmas program, Johnny Carson told his "Tonight Show" viewers, "... and now I am going to read some letters from legitimate children...(*audience laughter*)...c'mon now, you know what I mean!"

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Open Door Policy

When Governor Rockefeller criticized Mayor Lindsay's handling of the New York City garbage strike, Lindsay wanted to broadcast a rebuttal. He assumed the speech was being taped for later broadcast, and did not know his words were going out over the air live when he said: "The city will, of course, endeavor in every way to remove the dangerous accumulation of trash from the sidewalks and streets. I will have a full report for the people in a news conference from City Hall tomorrow. (Loud noise from background) We've got to do it again...the f—in' door was open."

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Out of Sight

NBC-TV's John Chancellor told of a rash of recent UFO sightings. A woman who swore in a TV interview that she had seen unidentified flying objects was asked how she could be so sure that they were, in fact, unidentified flying objects. She confidently replied, "They had the letters 'UFO' on the side."

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Thanks a Lot

Former Governor John Connally of Texas defended Spiro T. Agnew thus: "Future events will prove him guilty...innocent!"

Sticky Situation

Even the President of the United States can be the victim of a Blooper. In a nationally televised speech about the economy, Richard Nixon warned the public, "We are preaching a gospel of goo...er...glue... gloom!"

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Slice of Life

One of Johnny Carson's guests on "The Tonight Show" was an actor who spoke of his bad luck with women. He told Johnny he had invited a girl over for dinner and she stayed for three months. Then he added, "But she was a good cook." Johnny replied, "Three months! She must have made good bed...bread!"

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What a Grouch!

A contestant on Groucho Marx's "You Bet Your Life" TV program indicated that he and his wife had sixteen children. Groucho asked, "Why do you have so many children?" The man replied, "Because I like my wife." After a pause and a particularly long drag on his ever-present cigar, Groucho said, "I like my cigar, too, but I take it out sometime!"

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Cool, Man

David Hartman was interviewing Burt Reynolds on the ABC "Good Morning America" show, when he blooped the following: "We'll be back with Burt in a moment after this word from General Foods Crude Whip...Cool Whip!"

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Grapes of Rath

Merv Griffin was describing a famous movie star on his program, but could not recall the man's name. He was getting more and more frustrated with himself, then suddenly he remembered the celebrity's name, and blurted out, "Rasil Bathbone!"

Doing the Breast Stroke

After a commercial during a movie on Channel 7 in Chicago, the announcer said, "And now we return to Jane Russell under water...I beg your pardon, I meant Jane Russell in *Under Water*."

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Queer Remark

During the 1975 playoff game between the Baltimore Colts and the Pittsburgh Steelers, Don Meredith blooped when he said this of Baltimore coach Ted Marchibroda: "I've met him, and he seems like a really nice gay...guy!!"

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Honest John

When Those Magnificent Men in Their Jaunty Jalopies played on a Georgia TV station, a commercial cut in when Tony Curtis was proposing to his girl friend. What listeners heard, was: "And if I win the race, I will find you, get down on one knee, and say...(cut in)...Does your toilet bowl need
cleaning?"

Put Up Your Dukes

When the Duke of Bedford appeared on Merv Griffin's popular talk show, he told a humorous story about several of the bedrooms in his mansion, while keeping quite a straight face. After he had finished, Merv commented, "How can you tell a funny story like that with such a bed-pan expression?" The audience broke up.

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Atsa Right

When Nipsy Russell was a guest on the popular game show "The \$10,000 Pyramid," he had to give clues to contestants about secret words or phrases. One of these phrases was "Tin Pan Alley," so Nipsy gave the clue, "The place where all songs are written." The audience broke into laughter when the nervous contestant replied: "Italy."

Is My Face Red

Tom Snyder, popular late-night talk master on NBC-TV, tells of the classic Blooper revolving around President Ford. The Blooper is bound to get the notoriety of the All Time Great Blooper that centered around President Herbert Hoover, who was introduced as Hoobert Heever. The Daughters of the American Revolution gave a dinner in honor of President Ford. The master of ceremonies of the highly conservative group in attendance introduced the president thus: "Ladies and Gentlemen...the president of the United States, Gerald Smith!" There was consternation in the audience when it was recalled that Gerald Smith was one of America's foremost Fascists.

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Having a Ball

I was watching "The Merv Griffin Show" and caught two almost simultaneous Bloopers! A juggler-comedian is doing his routine, one bit of which involves eating an apple that he is juggling at the same time. He then proceeds to juggle while lying down, explaining that even at home, while sleeping, he never stops juggling. He is at the point in the act when he pretends he is at home in bed after a night of juggling in his sleep and says, "And in the morning I wake up with my balls in my hands"—to which Merv Griffin asks a moment later, "Are your balls orange?"

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That's Nice...Don't Fight

This happened on the game show "Tattletales." Bert Convy was introducing the three married couples, and he got to John Astin and Patty Duke. He said to Patty, "It's nice to have you," to which Patty replied, "It's nice to have been had!!"

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Heartbreaking

NEWSCASTER: "The Senate has confirmed that Henry Kissinger (*station cuts to a commercial*) is suffering from a severe case of psoriasis."



Yummy

Carol Wayne, an actress who played the part of the Matinee Lady on Johnny Carson's "Tea-Time Movie" satire on "The Tonight Show," was talking about a beer commercial she had done when she told Johnny the following: "I never knew those beer people were so fussy. If your can isn't turned just the right way, they let you know." After the audience stopped laughing, she followed up with this line, "Then they have special stuff they spray on your can to make it look wet and delicious!"

On "The Mike Douglas Show," Mike and Dyan Cannon were discussing what kind of men attracted her. She explained that she had once preferred chasing men who were "hard to get," but that now she much more enjoyed an open, straightforward type of guy. Mike commented that he found that a typical modern sexual attitude, and added, "It used to be that you couldn't touch some girls with a ten-foot pole. Well, I was the guy with the twelve-foot pole." (brief pause and audience snickers). "Oh... this audience!"

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Nuts to You

Joey Bishop was guest-hosting "The Tonight Show," and it was announced that Mr. Bishop would once again try his famous occupation-guessing. The house lights came up, and after some hints from Ed McMahon, who knew all the occupations of the three previously picked people, Mr. Bishop guessed the first two occupations. Then, he was told that the last occupation was a very strange one, and that "she does to something what the government does with our money." Bishop knew now that the woman took something away from something. Then, he was told that it had something to do with worms. After much wrong guessing, he finally gave up. He asked her, "All right. What do you do?" She replied, "I pick worms out of nuts in a nut factory." Bishop then blooped, "I never knew worms had nuts."

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Which End Is Up?

On "The Tonight Show," starring Johnny Carson, Johnny had Donny Osmond on his show. Donny was telling Johnny about his bed, which was suspended in midair. Donny said his workshop was under his bed. Johnny said, "No, you have it wrong, it's the other way around."

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l'm Susan, Flu Me!

ABC's Bill Beutel was talking about the flu season and he blooped, "The flee Susan...flue Susan...flu season!" Back in the much more broadcast-conservative late 1950s, Steve Allen introduced a female guest vocalist's performance as follows: "I like the way she gets out there and socks out a song. She's not like those who just go and hang out there!!! Now don't get me wrong, I'm not knocking the hangers, and I guess I'm not hanging the knockers."

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Hair-Raising Story

Kay Rogers, CHCL Medley, CFB Gold Lake, had forgotten she was scheduled to do an evening program. In fact she was washing her hair when she heard over the radio, "Coming your way in twenty minutes is Kay Rogers with Supper Serenade." Wrapping a towel around her wet head, she grabbed her daughter's Simon and Garfunkel LP, on which the first cut was the five-minute-long "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." After a race to the studio, she cued the record and calmly announced, "CL time 6:33. Here's Guyman and Sarfuckel and the beautiful 'Fridge Over Bubbled Waters.'"

He Ought to Know

A program entitled "The American Love Test" was hosted by Robert Goulet, Carol Lawrence, and Dr. Joyce Brothers. For the viewing audience the program posed multiple-choice questions concerning various topics having to do with love in general. One episode dealt with "How sensual are you?" and covered five questions with four or five possible answers for each. At the very end of this episode Bob Goulet said, "Now we will tell you how to *score*."

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An III Wind

NEWSCASTER: "Tensions ran high in New York City today as thousands of city policemen were on duty to prevent any outbreaks as a result of the visit of Arab leader Jascha Arafart...or should that be Yassir Arafat?"

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Bake Mix-Up

ANNOUNCER: "Tonight 'CBS Reports' brings viewers an in-depth interview with Illinois lawbreaker Howard Baker, who will discuss the Watergreat Bake-In."

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Hey, Jude

DISC JOCKEY: "Frank Sinatra and Sugar Ray Robinson teamed up to raise money for Danny Thomas's St. Jew's Children's Hospital. I'm awfully sorry—that should be St. Jude's! No disrespect intended...but you will have to admit St. Jew is really funny."

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Friendly Enemies

TV's annual Emmy Award presentations came up with an unintended Blooper. Dick Cavett was given a belated Emmy by the TV academy chairman Jack Cannon. Cavett had refused this Emmy award earlier because it was not announced on the air. In his attempt to rectify the previous injustice, Cannon blooped and said he was now giving Cavett an "enemy award."

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Do It Yourself

"All the baseball world is talking about Hank Aaron's new home-run record, which proves that Hank Aaron, the new Sultan of Swat, can still whack it."

Great Poisonalities

Carroll O'Connor, also known as TV's Archie Bunker, appeared on "The Dinah Shore Show." He congratulated Dinah on her splendid performance and told her that he was impressed with "the famous poisons... I mean persons who have appeared on your show."

Small Talk

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Actor David Niven was the host of an Academy Award presentation. The festivities had been moving along normally when viewers at home as well as the black-tie audience were shocked to see a nude streaker darting across the stage. Niven, never one to lose his composure, ad-libbed, "Let's not pay any attention to him, all he is doing is showing his shortcomings."

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Deep in the Heart of Texass

Merv Griffin, after finding out a pretty girl was from Houston, Texas, cooed "I love your ass—trode dome!"

Jump Suit

During the reports on Evel Knievel's jump across the Snake River Canyon a reporter said, "Even though Evel Knievel has not yet made his jump, preparations for the jump have been long underwear...uh, way!"

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Food for Thought

"The Tonight Show" host, Johnny Carson, was playing "Stump the Band" with the audience. After the people had stumped the band, he gave them two free tickets. Here is how it went.

CARSON: "Here are two free tickets to La Crap, I mean La Crêpe."

Later, after another contestant stumped the band he handed out two more tickets.

CARSON: "A dinner for two at Don Peepee, I mean Don Pepe. That's next to La Crap, I mean La Crêpe."

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Have You Got a Wrong Number

A Blooper occurred on ABC, New York,

and was committed by Roger Grimsby at the end of the 6:00 news. Talking about a story concerning a cover-up of a loan for a "Salute to Ted Agnew," by the committee to re-elect the President, he inadvertently called it "A Salute to Ted Kennedy"!

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Double Entendre

On Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show," during his monologue, someone in the audience called out and asked him if his wife was at the show. Carson replied, "No, she only comes on anniversaries!" Needless to say the audience went wild. Then just several minutes later he was talking about pens, etc., and he quipped, "Even his pencil leaks!" Again the audience roared and Carson was beside himself.

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X Marks the Spot

Jim Jensen of WCBS in New York, describing the X-rated movies on a Bonn, West Germany, TV show, said "Seen were appendages from *Deep Throat*!"

Who's Got Pockets

Bob Hope and Jill St. John got cut off the air in one of their early-1950s TV skits because of the following: Jill was playing Bob's wife, and he had his hands tied and she needed the car keys. She went fishing for them in his pocket and gave the line, "Gee Bob, going in your pocket like this I feel a little silly." His response was, "If you go a little lower, you'll feel a little nuts."

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What's Up, Doc?

Peter Marshall asked Dom DeLuise, on "Hollywood Squares," if his lightning rod would work if it were bent. Dom replied that *his* lightning rod wouldn't work. There was some laughter from the audience...he said he was going to have his doctor check his bent rod!

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My Secret Love

McLean Stevenson was guest host of "The Tonight Show." One of his guests was Doris Day. He described one of the events that happened when he was trying for a part on her show: "I was in such a hurry to get dressed, I put my foot right through the crotch of my pants...(*audience roars*)....I did the whole scene that way... and, Doris, I'll never forget the way you relaxed me!" (*audience roars*) '

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Out of This World

Marlon Brando on David Susskind's program: "There's a certain universality of feeling which is almost worldwide"!

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Some of My Best Friends Do It

Merv Griffin had Mrs. Dean Martin, Mrs. Sammy Davis, Jr., Mrs. Dick Martin, and Mrs. Johnny Carson as guests. It was a fashion show and he had all of them dressed in beautiful gowns, furs, and jewelry. He said, "Do all you women ever urine...yearn for the good old days?"

An Improviser All the Way

On "The Tonight Show," with Jerry Lewis as guest host, one of the guests was Sharon Farrel, a pretty young actress. In the course of conversation, her new movie came up. She was talking about how her director let the actors improvise during the movie's filming. She was quite impressed by the way the man who played her husband in the movie, John Ryan, used this privilege. "He had such an instrument..." whereupon the audience broke up and Jerry left the stage with all his papers.

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Garbage Man

On "The Tomorrow Show," Tom Snyder was interviewing a Dr. Stein who had a daughter of average intelligence whom he had trained from birth to become a genius. He had made the statement that his daughter was a genius in comparison with other children of average intelligence only because of the special training he had given her and that any child could become a genius, given this type of training. He said that he had legal difficulties with school authorities who maintained that too early training of this type was hazardous to a child's development "and all that garbage." (*Time for commercial.*) Tom Snyder: "Speaking of garbage... watch this commercial."

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Can't Get a Curse Word in Edgewise

A Blooper was heard on the Monday Night Football game on ABC. A mike had apparently been placed on the Chicago Bear coach, Abe Gibron. It occurred on the first penalty of the game, which was against the Bears. After the whistle blew, a "goddamn it!" came over the air. Howard Cosell was so busy talking, as usual, he made no reference to the remark.

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The Cat's Meow

When Zsa Zsa Gabor guest-starred on the Johnny Carson show, she was sitting with a cat in her lap when she said, "Johnny, would you like to pet my pussy?" Johnny reportedly said, "Sure, if you move that damn cat out of the way!"

Dizzy Dean

This went out over the air at WLCL-FM in Lowell, Indiana. Disc Jockey John Wilson reading "cold" UPI headlines said, "Former White Sox Counsel John Dean again took the witness stand"!

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Pelvis Presley

A disc jockey, introducing an Elvis Presley record, meant to say he had sold three hundred million disks. However, it came out: "In his lifetime, Elvis has sold over three hundred million dicks... that is, dicks... three hundred million dicks." After three tries he gave up and played the record.

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Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries!

On "The Tonight Show," a well-stacked blonde came on stage wearing hot pants and a crossover bikini-type top, highlighted by an ornament of false cherries as a centerpiece. After the usual what's-your-name, what-do-you-dos, Carson looked down at the piece of jewelry.... Carson: "I like your trinkets!" (Audience laughter.) "Come on! It's a little group of cherries!" (More laughter.) "Well, you just don't see a group of cherries all the time!" (Audience roars.)

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Fancy Dan

On the "CBS Evening News," Dan Rather was telling about the drought in some states and how others had received some rain. He went on, saying that they didn't know if there was enough to prevent further "crap...crop damage"!

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Drafty

Peter Marshall, host of "Hollywood Squares," asked one of the stars this question: "In Israel, boys have to go when they are eighteen. When do girls have to go... I mean first feel the draft? (*Audience laughs.*) Wait a minute. I meant the draft to go into the army!"

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It's a Pleasure

On the Johnny Carson show, with guest host John Davidson, it was announced that the next guest would be Charo. She came out on stage sitting on a donkey. As they were taking the donkey away, she said, "Take care of my ass!"

She Blew It!

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"The \$10,000 Pyramid" is a game show in which celebrities give clues to contestants trying to guess certain things. One topic was "Things put in the mouth, but not eaten." The item was a harmonica. Celebrity actress June Lockhart blooped, "It's about four to five inches long and you blow it...oh my God!...er...It plays music!"

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Chastity Belt

After the usual good-natured boos that follow one of his bad jokes, Johnny Carson retorted, "May a weird holy man tape your sister shut!" After realizing his mistake, he covered up by saying, "So she can't talk, that is!"

After the Ball Was Over

In a radio sketch many years ago, Bob Hope had singer Frances Langford as his guest. Bob wanted to hock her wedding ring over her objection. They got into an argument when Hope blooped, "OK, Frances, I'll meet you at the pawnshop where you can kiss me under the balls!"

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Nice Work If You Can Get It

David Frost had Raquel Welch as his guest interviewee. When David received a signal from the control room, he blooped: "Raquel, before I get into you, I must pause for this commercial."

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Check Me Out

Heard at NASA: "This is the Space Center in Houston with the countdown at ten minus two and still counting. We've just gotten word from the capsule that astronaut Wally Schirra is still in the process of checking out his shit list...er...check list."



Take Your Pick

When Groucho Marx appeared on the Johnny Carson show, the comedian convulsed audiences with a frank discussion on his marriages. Of one of his wives, Groucho said: "If I came home early she figured I was after something; and if I came home late, she figured I'd had it."

A Lousy Seat

During the commentary preceding the start of the 1974 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl, Chris Schenkel, one of ABC's commentators for that game, was informing the home audience, "Our sideline commentators will be at..." (when the local station cut in with) "...the Goodyear test track about one thousand miles from here."

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Bank Shot

On the Johnny Carson show, Criswell, a self-styled clairvoyant, predicted that before long there would be a federally sponsored semen bank, to which all American males would be required to contribute. It was at this point that comedian Bob Newhart got up from his seat near Carson and jestingly said he had heard enough and that he was leaving. "What for?" quipped Carson. "Are you going to make a night deposit?"

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An Orgy

Allen Ludden blooped the following on "Password." Sally Struthers, Lee Meriwether, and Dick Martin had qualified, with Lee having first choice between Sally and Theresa Merritt. When Lee chose Sally, Ludden said, "All right, Sally...you play with the lovely Lee and Theresa gets to play with the lovely Dick."

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Fish Story

Steve Allen to actor Robert Vaughn: "When was the first time in your life you ate a piss of fish?"

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Second Floor—Ladies Lingerie Going Up

Dean Martin's infectious humor hits his guests, charging them up. When Don Rickles appeared on the show, the program was a salacious shambles. Kidding around about a new secretary Martin said he had hired, Rickles added that for her first week's salary, Dino had given the gorgeous new addition to the staff an exquisite nightgown of imported lace...."The next week her salary was raised," he ad-libbed.

A Hard Man Is Good to Find

TV personality Virginia Graham had bachelor movie actor Hugh O'Brien as her guest. She told him, "The longer you stay single, the harder it gets." When audience laughter subsided, Hugh asked, "Would you mind rephrasing that statement?"

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Cutting Remark

Johnny Carson's guests are sometimes unwitting foils. Ed Ames, the former lead singer of the Ames Brothers, who left the act and became a TV star, was prevailed upon by Carson to demonstrate his prowess with a tomahawk, a skill acquired during Ames's four-year tenure as Mingo in "Daniel Boone." Agreeably, Ames waited while a silhouette of a cowboy, painted on wood, was set up. He then let fly with a tomahawk. Although Ames professed to be aiming for the heart, the weapon landed in a spot that prompted the pixyish Carson to crack: "Welcome to 'Frontier Rabbi.'"

X-Rated Marks the Spot

One evening on the Johnny Carson show while Sandy Duncan was the guest host, actress Shelley Winters was telling her about sex symbolism. Shelley turned abruptly to Ed McMahon and stated, "Even you're a sex symbol. Do you want me to tell you where?" The audience then roared with laughter before they realized that she meant where in the U.S.—not on his body.

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Dog Eat Dog

Johnny Carson in his monologue told his audience a joke based on a supposedly accurate newspaper article that said people in the United States might soon start to eat their dogs and cats. The punch line was, "My dog has caught on. I saw him this afternoon burying a plane ticket in the backyard." It got a good bit of laughter and in the middle of it Ed McMahon cut in and said, "Do you know who our first sponsor is tonight?" Johnny said, "Sponsor? No, who?" Ed: "A sponsor who has been with us for twelve years, Alpo Dog Food!"

Come Again?

Johnny Carson is a master of double entendres and his ad-lib quips keep the censors on the jump. His opening monologues are masterpieces of shamelessness. As he rides his ruttish range, he flips the blips with such stories as that of the young girl, who traveling an unfamiliar, cobblestone road on a bicycle says, "I'll never come that way again."

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Hobby Lobby

Sometimes one blooper will trigger another, such as the time Johnny Carson told his late-night viewers: "You know, the Queen is in town." After the audience snickered, Johnny corrected himself by saying, "I mean, the Queen Elizabeth is in the lobby...I don't know where in the world I've got the lobby...I mean, the Los Angeles Hobby...I mean, the Los Angeles Harbor."

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Mamma Mia

HOLLYWOOD COMMENTATOR: "It's good news to learn that Danny Kaye has signed to appear in a new musical version of 'Peter Pan,' which will be presented on NBC-TV next season. Also appearing with Danny will be Mia Farrow. In the title role, Captain Hooker...I'm sorry, Danny Kaye will play Captain Hooker...I mean Hook in the new musical virgin of 'Peter Pan.'"

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Shoot-Out

Dub Taylor, a guest on "The Tonight Show," had been playing with the censors by saying "sh-sh-sh-oot yes" or "sh-sh-sh-oot no" in the appropriate places, replacing the more common but less acceptable word. After he played a song on the harmonica, Johnny said, "Shit, that was good." Fade to commercial with Johnny shouting, "Shoot!!! Shoot!!!" Of course the censors caught it, but it was obvious what he had really said.

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Visiting Privileges

NEWSCASTER: "Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower has decided not to visit a clinic for the mentally retarded in Dubuque, Iowa. Instead she will visit her parents, President and Mrs. Nixon, at their oceanside villa in San Clemente, California."

East Is East and West Is West

The game show was "Blank Check," with Art James the emcee. This show has a segment where the audience participates. Johnny Olsen introduced Jill Ireland and Art James blooped, "Ah, and here's Jill Ireland with that fresh, wholesome, California look. Hi, Jill, where are you from?" To which Ms. Ireland replied: "I'm from New York, Art."

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About Face

On "Tattletales" Burt Convy blooped, when he asked a question about the International Pies, Inc., fad, "Who would be the better sport? You're walking down the street and POW! you both get a *face* in the kisser!"

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Titillating

Peter Marshall wrestled with the word "abreast" and lost when he asked Spanish entertainer Charo the following question on his "Hollywood Squares" game show: "You and a friend take to the streets on your bikes. Is it all right to be riding abreast?" Charo doesn't have that great a command of the English language, and didn't understand the meaning of the word. Peter finally had to ask, "Do you know what a breast is? I mean do you know what riding abreast is?"

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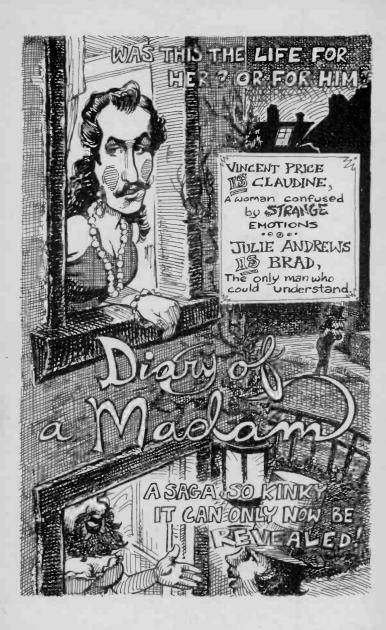
Johnny on the "Spot"

Johnny Carson had just introduced Peggy Lee as his next guest and had to go to a station break. After he had cued it, Peggy said to him, "You mean I won't be able to get acquainted first." Johnny then said, "We'll fool around during the commercial."

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Is This the Transylvania Station?

Heard on the closing voice-over of "The Mike Douglas Show" by a KEPR-TV announcer: "Guests of 'The Mike Douglas Show' stay at Transylvania Warlock Hotel... Pennsylvania's Warwick Hotel!"



Call Me Madam

"Stay tuned for our movie of the week tonight at 11:00 P.M. Our feature is *Diary of a Madam* starring Vincent Price... that should be the *Diary of a* Madman—that's quite a difference."

Doubting Thomas

On the "CBS News" show, veteran newscaster Lowell Thomas blooped, "... and President Ford has accepted the resignation of two officials from the Equal Unemployment Opportunities Omission."

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Something Smells Here

Ed McMahon on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show": "Now, here's a commercial about a woman who shows why she needs a detoderant, uh, deodorant."

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An Orgy

Allen Ludden on his popular "Password" program blooped: "Will it be Joyce, Susan, or Jeff who will play with John—the game, that is!"

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Parking Peter...Er, Meter

On "Hollywood Squares," Jim Backus was a guest. Peter Marshall asked him, "Can traffic noises affect your sexual prowess?" Backus's reply of "Yes, so you should pull over and park!" caused Peter to flub his reposing the question thus: "But can sexual noises affect your sexual prowess?" Above the hysterical laughter of the audience, Peter could be heard yelling, "Traffic noises! Traffic noises!"

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Damn Bandstand

On Dick Clark's "American Bandstand," Clark was doing a live commercial for a new cosmetic. Unfortunately, he picked a wobbly podium to deliver his spiel from, and it fell over sideways, and Clark with it, and innocent ears heard: "Oh, dammit!"

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Don't Miss It If You Can

On Allen Ludden's "Password" he gave this rather dubious promo: "I'd like to invite all of you to watch my dear friend Julie Andrews in her new ABC-TV series. It's an hour you will easily forget!"

Super Cop

Usually reliable NBC newscaster Tom Brokaw excitedly told TV viewers that "the only thing that saved President Ford from assassination by Sarah Moore was a policeman who diverted the street into the shot."

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Behind the Scenes

Veteran newscaster Walter Cronkite, upon the conclusion of his nightly newscast, leaned back in his chair when he thought he was off camera and almost fell flat on his backside. He regained his composure and closed the show with "And that's the way it almost was!"

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What Kind of Foolish Am I?

Howard Cosell, whose running off at the mouth has irritated viewers from coast to coast, was strangely silent at the ABC-TV telecast of the Kentucky Derby, when fellow sportscaster Chick Anderson blooped, "The winner is Prince Thou Art." Foolish Pleasure had just won the race, but nary a word from the loquacious Howard.

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Wild, Wild World of Sports

"Wide World of Sports" host Jim McKay's overriding problem is breaking in new onair personalities. Once he counseled a famous lady swimmer-turned-commentator to relax in front of cameras. "Just take it easy," McKay told her. "Like, move in with a lowkey question. Maybe about hobbies or something." Next thing McKay knew, the lady commentator had rushed her mike up to a swimmer who split-seconds before had broken a world record. The swimmer was weeping for joy. The commentator shrieked, "WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?"

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Hairy

When actor-comedian Donald O'Connor had a syndicated talk show, he and his guests were discussing hair combing after getting up in the morning. Donald offered this startling information. "I comb my hair in my shorts!"

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Breast Feeding

On Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show," Joey Bishop was guest host. He was trying to guess unusual occupations of audience members. One woman's job was to customfit bras. When he finally guessed her job he presented her with her prize, "Dinner for four at the breast rest...uh...best restaurant in town."

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Turn-On

Merv Griffin had Dody Goodman on the show. She was wearing an overall-type dress. The dress had two large buttons where the straps came to the front of the dress. The buttons were very colorful and kept attracting his eyes. Merv said, "Those buttons look like channel selectors on a TV. Those are the cutest little knobs I ever saw!"

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In Livid Color

On the NBC Johnny Carson "Tonight Show," Johnny was introducing the NBC peacock, played by Pat McCormick. "And now, for his last appearance on TV, the NBC cock...dropped after twenty-five years."

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Paar Boiled

Jack Paar, on his late-night show, was doing a commercial for a headache remedy. He had trouble removing two of the advertised tablets from their bottle. The audience was amused when he filled the bottle with water, took a swig of it, capped the bottle and put it aside. Twenty minutes later there was a small explosion; pressure generated within the bottle had caused the top to pop off. Paar was understandably startled, and the audience roared.

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Don't Knock It Unless You Try It

Johnny Carson interviewed a lady explorer on his "Tonight Show." They were talking about elephants. Johnny boldly remarked that he believed "an elephant's penis weighs about sixty pounds." The lady snapped back with, "I wouldn't know."

Strings 'n' Things

Mental blackouts on the air aren't uncommon. This announcer had one after playing a Sunday afternoon hour-long program featuring the Ralph Ginsberg strings. But he couldn't think of the words "orchestra," "ensemble," or even "group." This is the way it came out: "You've been listening to the music of Ralph Ginsberg and his string... uh...his string...bunch!"

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Green Bay or Bust

SPORTSCASTER: "Well, it looks like the Green Bay Packers are not the shame team... same team they were when the great Vince Lombardi was coach. Today they again bit the bust... the DUST!"

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Birds Do It

Merv Griffin, on "Play Your Hunch," told a visiting guest star, "We sure thank you for taking time out from your busy sexual...I mean schedule."

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Gigged

Dick Cavett wanted to tell about his guests for that night's show, when he came up with this Blooper: "Hi, I'm Dick Cavett, and tonight my guest is Academy Award Wimmer...Academy Award Wimmer...there ...I've done it again...Academy Award Winer, Gig Young!"

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Let's Be Buddies

President Nixon, on the campaign trail to win support for Republicans running for office in many states, arrived in Miami Beach, where he spoke to a huge throng on behalf of the candidate for the United States Senate, Bill Cramer. He raised the candidate's hand and told voters, "So be sure when election time rolls around next Tuesday, to vote for my old friend...er...Congressman Bull Craner!"

Surprise Party

NEWSCASTER.... and from Washington comes word that President and Mrs. Lincoln will spend Nixon's birthday at Key Biscayne, Florida, on February twelfth.

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Can't Tell Players without a Scorecard

NEWSCASTER: Also present at the rally were Governor and Mrs. Governor Ronald Reagan...that is, Mrs. Governor and Mr. Reagan...(exasperated)...California's first lady and his wife...oh, well...I'm sure you know who I mean!

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Goosy

"The American League standings show the Cleveland Indians in first place with the New York Yankees close up there behind."

Falling Flat on His Ear

Ad-libs do not always come off as cleverly as intended. One day TV's "Galloping Gourmet" decided to "play my next recipe by ear... when you are married, it's about the only thing left to play with."

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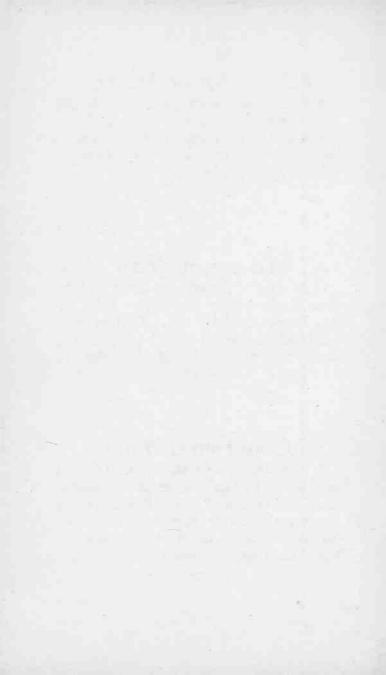
Young at Heart

Gig Young appeared as a guest on "The Merv Griffin Show." Gig dwelt on the fact that he is no longer married. Merv innocently asked, "Do you find it hard getting up in the morning since you're a bachelor?"

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Give Him a Hand

A new disc jockey was understandably nervous his first day on the air. His assignment was to "break" a new Beatles record. This was the result: "Here is the next number-one record by the Beatles: 'I Want to Hold Your Gland...Hand!"



Bette Midler on Princess Anne: "Such an attractive lass. So outdoorsy. She loves nature in spite of what it did to her."

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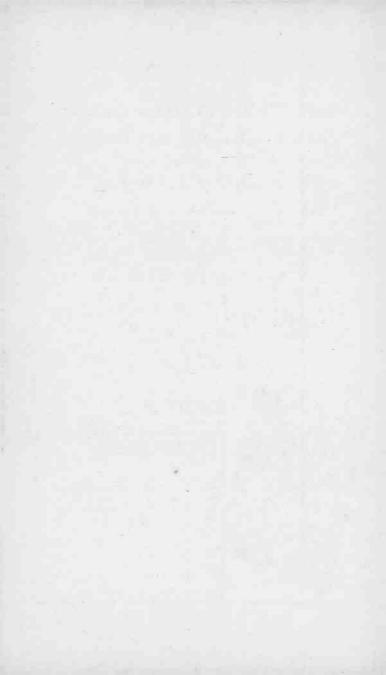
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