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Did you hear about the man who went insane hunting a place to put a cornerstone for a round house?

“Do you believe you’ll have seven years bad luck if you break a mirror?”

“No, indeed. My sister broke one and she didn’t have seven years bad luck.”

“She didn’t?”

“No, she was killed in an auto accident the same day.”

Everything you tell a woman goes in one ear and over the back fence.

“What time is it?”

“I don’t know. I left my watch upstairs.”

“Aren’t you afraid it will run down?”

“Naw, we got winding stairs.”

Then there was the woman who called her husband “March” because he came in a lion and went out like a lamb.

“If your feet are so cold, why don’t you try a hot water bottle?”

“I did, but I couldn’t get my feet through the neck of the bottle.”

Did you hear about the little moron who ate his dessert first because his stomach was upset?

Bride: “I baked this cake all by myself.”

Groom: “And who helped you lift it out of the oven?”

An Army sergeant driving his own car noticed an attractive WAC lieutenant waiting for a bus in Alexandria, Louisiana. He stopped and politely asked her if she would care to ride back to camp. The WAC replied, icily: “Sergeant, dont you know that commissioned officers do not associate with enlisted men?”

Hardly had the maddened sergeant driven off when it started to rain. Driving around the block, he blew the horn and stopped for the same WAC lieutenant who this time smiled sweetly. She had taken about three steps toward the car when the sergeant stuck his head out. “Wet, isn’t it?” he queried and drove slowly away, leaving the red-faced lieutenant to endure the amusement of other waiting bus passengers.”

—Reader’s Digest.

A certain brewer had sent a sample of beer to a chemist to be analyzed. In several days the report came back—

“Dear Sir:

Your horse has diabetes . . .”

“Are you troubled with tuberculosis?”

“Only when I try to spell it.”

“Do you think the time will come when women will get men’s wages?”

“Yeah—next Saturday.”

“I got this pearl from an old oyster.”

“That’s nothing. My sister got a diamond out of an old crab.”

“What nationality is that man over there?”

“Half Scotch—half soda.”

Prof: “What distinct class is trodden under foot?”

YKW* “Those who hold the aisle seats.”

*You know who.

Then there was an absent minded professor who poured ketchup on his shoe laces and tied knots in his spaghetti.

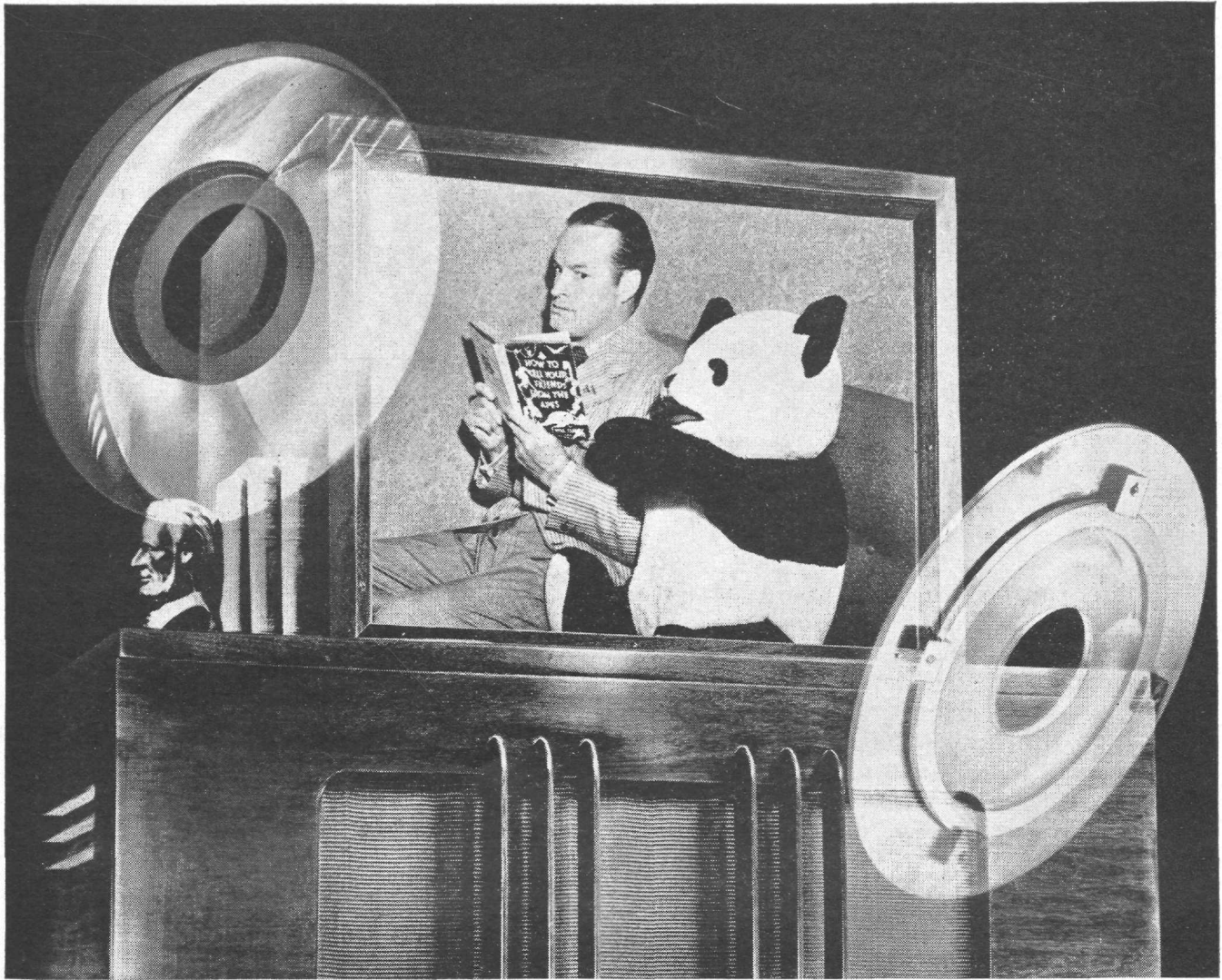
She’s so dumb she thinks a meadow lark is a party that is thrown out in the country!

Then there was another little moron (or is it the same one?) who thought a buttress was a female goat.

A submarine crewman, after a long siege at sea, met his commanding officer on the way to their hotel one hibiscus-scented night in Hawaii. “Ain’t it funny, Sir,” he remarked, “how far you can get behind on women and how quick you can catch up?”—Fletcher Pratt in *Harpers*.

We once had a very capable Negro woman working for us. Her husband, however, was a happy-go-lucky fellow who, although very likeable, never seemed able to get a job and very seldom bothered to try. One day I asked her why she put up with him. Without hesitating, she said, “It’s like this; I makes de livin’ and he makes de livin’ worth while.”

—Reader’s Digest.



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