

Offical Japes

Q. What does a fool grumbling have in common with a knave in his ladies boudoir with his jolly-stick being all asunder?

A. Why tis only the curd of one and the curdle of the other that seperates the two from a larded namby-boy say I *so the prance hand on hip in a jolly and most gay fashion, to the amusement of all*

Q. The teapot, stock-pot and brisset pot are all to be found in the scullery. But where would the old washerwoman find her midgin cat in the forenoon?

A. Why tis a midgin cat that knows a mackled herring, even if the stewpot is filled with stinking eels. *and so saying bring out a fresh kipper hidden in thy breechers and belay those closest to you.*

Q. If the master doth cleave to the garderober the whole night long, what was the mistress doing in the orchard with the dollybrush and bucket?

A. Marry, tis the fundamental issue that apples be the culprit in both cases though the master be a drinking of his and the mistress is just a little 'pail' *when this jape is executed tis appropriate to deluge the audience with a copius quantity of old water.*

Q. If a bull a dog and a goat are like unto a man who doth scurry with a seamstress when bedudlled in drink, what then sober man who only plunges his wadkin be?

A. He be like a donkey with jitters, all prancing but a going no-wheres. *Make then the ears of a donkey with the fingers extended each side of the head and bray out loude for not less that an hour or till exhausted. This will cause much merriment even to those who did not hear the jape.*

Q. Why is a watchman liketh a dunnykin in a full moon?

A. Thou can find the both of them by smell alone, but only the one has a use to a man after the ale-house closes.

Q. If tis proper to scurtle a naggy-wife what then is the curtle for a old man whose bandyhose be alway soggy?

A. Why faith nuncle tis an old mans folly that soggies the bandyhose, but even a naggy-wife can be coddled on a cold night.

Q. Faith Master, why be a cockerel like a fuddled knave in a room full of mollymogs?

A. Why Master, tis easy to see if ye be not a dunder-head, for the cock doth rise only at dawn for the both of them.. But only the obe causeth excitement in the hen house! *for added effect the lower parts can be gyrated in a lewd manner*