Potpourri I...

Giving a sermon one Sunday, I heard two teenage girls in the back giggling and disturbing the people.
I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, “There are two of you here who have not heard a word I’ve said.” That quieted them down...
When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three adults apologized for going to sleep in church, promising it would never happen again...

Rev William Ross

The husband of one of my OB patients phoned the doctor to ask if it would be OK to make love to his wife while taking medication for an infected foot.
“Yes, that’s fine,” the doctor replied. “Just don’t use your foot.”

Sabrina Henderson

I feel inadequate when talking to a mechanic, so when my car started making a strange noise, I sought the help of a friend who drove the car around the block, listened carefully and then told me how to explain the difficulty when I took it in for repair.
At the shop, I proudly recited, “The timing is off and there are premature detonations, which may damage the valves.”
As I smugly glanced over the mechanic’s shoulder, I saw him write on his clipboard, “Ladys says it makes a funny noise.”

Potpourri II...

Quick Thinking...

A resident trained with many years ago was known for his resourcefulness and quick thinking...
One day he was injecting the dye for an IV pyelogram when almost halfway through, he realized the injection had gone “interstitial.”
Without hesitation, he moved to the other arm and started injecting while making the following statement: “And now for the other kidney.”

Dr. Gabriel Thomasse

“Stitches” Sept 2000

As a passenger ship passed a small island, a bearded man could be seen shouting and furiously waving his arms... “What is that?” a passenger asked the captain. “I have no idea,” the captain replied. “But every year when we pass, he goes nuts.”

“Playboy Party Jokes” Sept 2000

The doctor looked up from his papers and said, “I have some good news and some bad news.”
“Good, give me the good news first,” the patient said...
“We’re going to name a new disease after you.”

“Mommy, what’s an orgasm?” the little boy asked.
“I don’t know dear,” the woman replied. “Ask your father.”

Potpourri III...

A married couple was driving down the interstate when the wife said, “Herb, I want a divorce.” The husband said nothing but slowly increased his speed...
“I’ve been having an affair with your best friend,” she continued. “And he’s a better lover than you are. I want the house, the kids, the car, the checking account and the credit cards. Is there anything you want?” she finally asked.
“No, I have everything I need.”
“You do?” she asked wondering...
“Just before they hit the wall at 90 mph he replied, ‘Yep, I’ve got the air bag.”

Hearing about a dinosaur alive in the rain forests of South America, a professor launched a scientific expedition. After several weeks he stumbles upon a little man clad in loin cloth and standing next to a 300 foot long dead dinosaur...
“Did you kill the dinosaur?” the scientist asked...
“Yep,” replied the rain forest native...
“But it’s so big and you’re so small! How did you kill it?”
“With my club,” the primitive fellow answers...
“How big is your club?”
The little man replies, “Well, there are about 100 of us.”

Q. “How many chiropractors does it take to change a light bulb?”
A. “Only one, but it takes six visits.”

“What makes a man so smart during sex?”
“His plugging into a genius.”

Potpourri IV...

An asteroid hits the speakers platform at a Seattle center... Al Gore, George W. Bush and Bill Gates all arrive in Heaven at the same time. They are greeted by God on his golden throne... who first asks Gore what he believes in... “I believe in the Internet and a clean environment.” “Very good,” says the almighty. “Come sit near me.” Then he asks George Bush the same question. “I believe in cutting taxes and taking good care of the military.”


During medical rounds, the attending pointed to an Xray and asked the intern, “As you can see, the patient limbs because his left fibula and tibia are both radially arched. Michael, what would you do in a case like this?”

“Well,” pondered the intern, “I suppose I’d limp too.”

Potpourri V...

The doctor noted that his patient had the smallest penis he’d ever seen...
“Do you have any difficulties because of the size?” he asked.
“No,” the guy said. “I have a great wife and three kids. The only problem I have is finding it when I need to pee...”
“Your sex life is normal:”
“Of course,” he replied, “because then there are two of us looking for it.”

As he strolled a crowded street fair, the man came upon a palm reader.
“First I’ll read your love line and tell your romantic future,” she said.
The man paid the money and the reader looked at his palm... “I see you don’t have a girl friend.”
“That’s true,” he replied...
Examining his hand further, the seer remarked, “You are extremely lonely.”
“Yes, that’s true,” the man admitted. “You can tell all that from my love line.”
“No, dearie,” she said, “from the calluses.”

A drunk stumbled upon a baptismal service by the river...
“Son, are you ready to find Jesus?” the cleric asked.
“Yes, Preacher, I sure am.”
The minister doused the fellow under the water and pulled him back up.
“Have you found Jesus?” “No I haven’t” the drunk replied.
The preacher doused him again for a bit longer.
“Now brother, have you found Jesus?” “No, not yet Reverend.”
The preacher held him down for a full minute this time. “Have you found Jesus now?”
Gasping for air, the fellow blurted, “Are you sure this is where he fell in?”

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Medical Tidbits I...

Herb Watch

The popular herb echinacea (distant cousin of the ragweed) can produce a severe allergic reaction. Dr. Raymond Mullins (from Australia) reported to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology that echinacea may be responsible for hives, acute asthma or anaphylaxis...

Blood Pressure Alert

The National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute (NHLBI) had to stop its study when one of the drugs was significantly less effective in reducing cardiovascular disease... CARDURA (the alpha blocker deoxazosin) had 25% more cardiovascular events and patients were twice as likely to be hospitalized for heart failure...

NHLBI advises that hypertensive patients on alpha blockers (including Hytrin and Minipres) should see their physicians for alternative drugs.

Medical Tidbits II...

Acute respiratory distress syndrome usually occurs in pneumonia, but can also occur in trauma patients, eg auto accidents and patients who had complications in major surgery...

Each year, an estimated 100,000 patients of all ages develop this syndrome and about 1/2 die... A new study shows that physicians in ICU may be able to save many such patients in ICU by lowering the respirator rate...

Thomas Stewart, director of ICU at Mount Sinai, however, says, "Lowering the airway pressure may not be the best treatment for all conditions..."

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