

Lighter Side of Medicine

HUMOR

SMELLING AND HEARING

An elderly woman goes to the doctor. She says, "Doc, it's terrible, I pass gas all the time. Fortunately, it's odorless and silent, otherwise I'd be mortified. For example, I've passed gas 10 times just since we've been talking, but it's odorless and silent so you can't tell." The doctor gives her some green pills and tells her to take one a day and come back in a week.

The woman comes back after taking the pills for a week. She says, "Doc, there's been a change but not for the better. I still pass gas all the time, but while it's still silent, now it smells terrible!"

The doctor says, "Well, I'm glad we cleared up your sinus blockage. Now we'll have to work on your hearing."

OLD AGE SECRET

Grandpa was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared.

"Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

STARTING WITH "I".

Teacher: Ellen, give me a sentence starting with "I".

Ellen: I is...

Teacher: No, Ellen. Always say, I am.

Ellen: All right. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.

GETTING RID OF THE PROBLEM

A farmhand is driving around the farm, checking the fences. After a few minutes he radios his boss and says, "Boss, I've got a problem. I hit a pig on the road and he's stuck in the bull-bars of my truck. He's still wriggling. What should I do?"

"In the back of your truck there's a shotgun. Shoot the pig in the head and when it stops wriggling you can pull it out and throw it in a bush." The farm worker says okay and signs off. About 10 minutes later he radios back. "Boss I did what you said, I shot the pig and dragged it out and threw it in a bush."

"So what's the problem now?" his Boss snapped.

"The blue light on his motorcycle is still flashing!"

"It was enough to make anybody faint," he said. "My son asked me for the keys to the garage, and instead of driving the car out, he came out with the lawn mower!"

Dr. Good and Dr. Bad

SITUATION: A type 2 diabetic patient who was on metformin therapy was concerned about the side effects of metformin.

DR. BAD

DR. GOOD

LESSON: The ADA suggests that long-term use of metformin may be related to vitamin B₁₂ deficiency. Therefore, these levels must be monitored periodically in those who are on metformin therapy, specifically those with anemia or peripheral neuropathy.

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