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A

ABSENCE

- Makes the heart grow fonder.
- Diminishes little passions and whips up great ones.

ABSENT-MINDEDNESS

- Searching for the horse one is riding.

ACCIDENT

- An inevitable occurrence due to the action of immutable natural laws. —Ambrose Bierce
- What is caused by the nut behind the wheel.

ACTOR

- One who tries to be everything but himself.
- The star of the tinsel world.
- His emotions are rarely ever his own.

ACUPUNCTURE

- A jab well done.
- Pin pricks.
- Turns one into a pin cushion.

ADAM

- In all history, he still stands out as the only indispensable man.
- One still wishing he never had lent the rib to shape Eve.

ADULT

- One who has stopped growing except in the middle.
- An obsolete child.

ADULTERY

- What man call gallantry and Gods adultery/Is much more common where the climate is sultry.

—Lord Byron

- Something exclusive to adults.

ADVENTURE

- The champagne of life. —G.K. Chesterton
- Makes one's hair stand on ends.
- Thrills that provide the frills for life.

ADVERTISEMENT

- Cheapest way of selling goods particularly if the goods are worthless. —Sinclair Lewis
- Art of persuading others of what one does not believe oneself. —Abba Eban
- Field where meretricious mesmerists of mellifluous mendacity operate and thrive.
- Rattling of a stick inside a swill bucket.

ADVICE

- Free tip that nobody takes.
- Everyone gives it; but there are no takers.
- Money spinner for lawyers, doctors and professionals.
- One readily accepts it when it comes with a bill.
- Universally ignored.
- What we give by the bushel and take by the grain.
- Pass it on. It is of no use to oneself. —Oscar Wilde
- What is sought to confirm a position already taken.

AGE

- Supposed to make one wise. Supposed to!
- Time when the novelty has worn off.
- Time to realise that setting the world on fire is a figure of speech. —Franklin P. Jones

AGENT

- One who takes his commission on all your gains, not your losses.

- A middleman who bamboozles one party and plunders the other.

AID

- Process by which you collect money from the poor people in the rich countries to give to the rich people in the poor countries.

AIR POLLUTION

- A mist demeanour.
- Killer blanket.

ALIMONY

- Penalty for not staying single or staying married.
- A tax paid for the pleasure of getting rid of a no-longer wanted source of pleasure.
- A new impost that makes one go broke almost by the 10th of the month instead of the 20th when the ties were normal.
- Duty for freedom from marital bonds.
- A debt that a former husband would like to see cancelled.
- A go-no-pay-later plan that benefits the fair sex.

ALTERNATIVE

- A new option that mostly takes one from the frying pan into the fire.
- Deft tinkering that often makes things worse.

AMERICA

- Every time it wags its tail, it knocks over a chair.
—Arnold Toynbee
- A nation that thinks it's the world's heart throb.

AMOUR

- Ability to make love frivolously, something man alone displays.
- Passion's barb.