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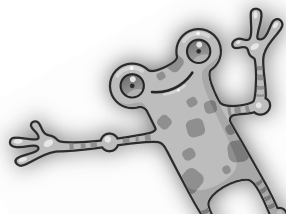
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## **PANTS!**

What wears a sock on its bottom?

*Your leg.*

Why do golfers wear two pairs of underpants?

*In case they get a hole in one.*

What do you get if you pull your knickers up to your armpits?

*A chest of drawers.*

How did the pants feel after being ironed?

*Depressed.*

What do you call two robbers?

*A pair of knickers.*

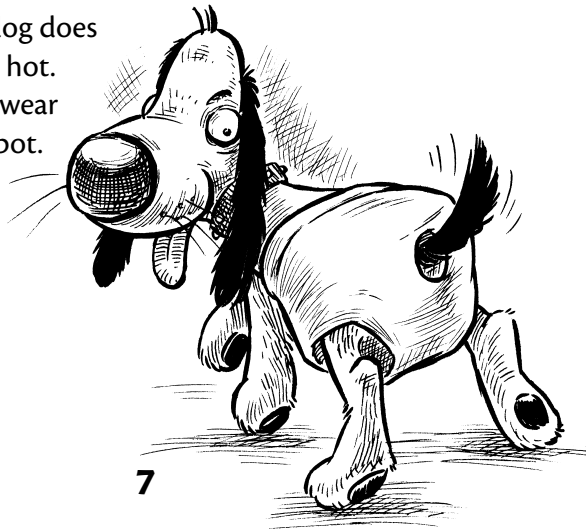
### **Pants**

Pants is what a dog does

When it's feeling hot.

Pants are what I wear

To cover up my bot.





### **Why?**

Your hair is on top of your head.  
You stand on the bottom of your feet.  
So why don't you sit on your middle  
When you sit on a toilet seat?

### **The Young Man from Australia**

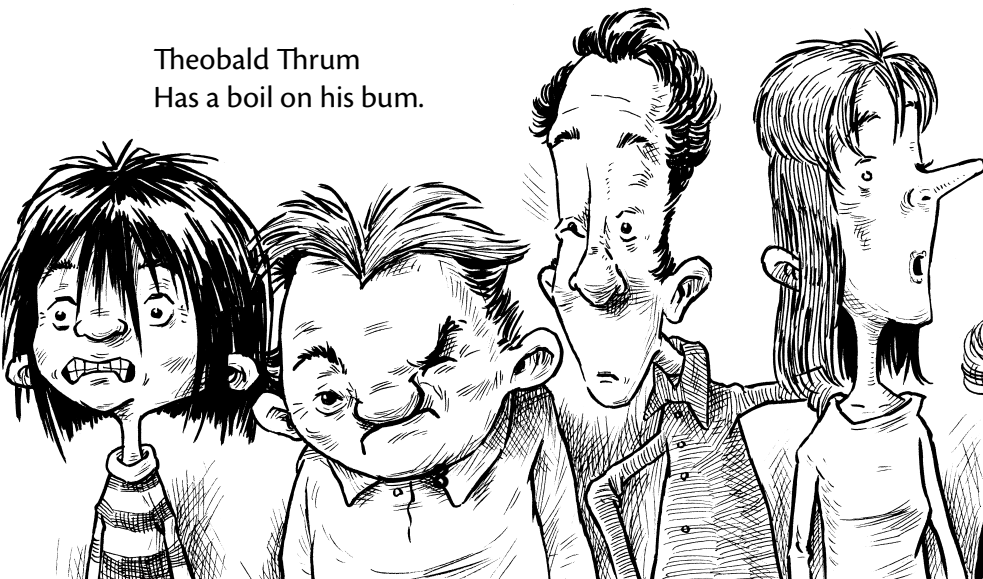
There was a young man from Australia  
Who painted his butt like a dahlia  
The drawing was fine,  
The colour divine,  
But the scent—ah! That was a failure.

### **A Pain in the Bum**

Lavender Lottum  
Has an itchy bottom.

Jeremy Styles  
Has painful piles.

Theobald Thrum  
Has a boil on his bum.



Dorothy Deer  
Has severe diarrhoea.

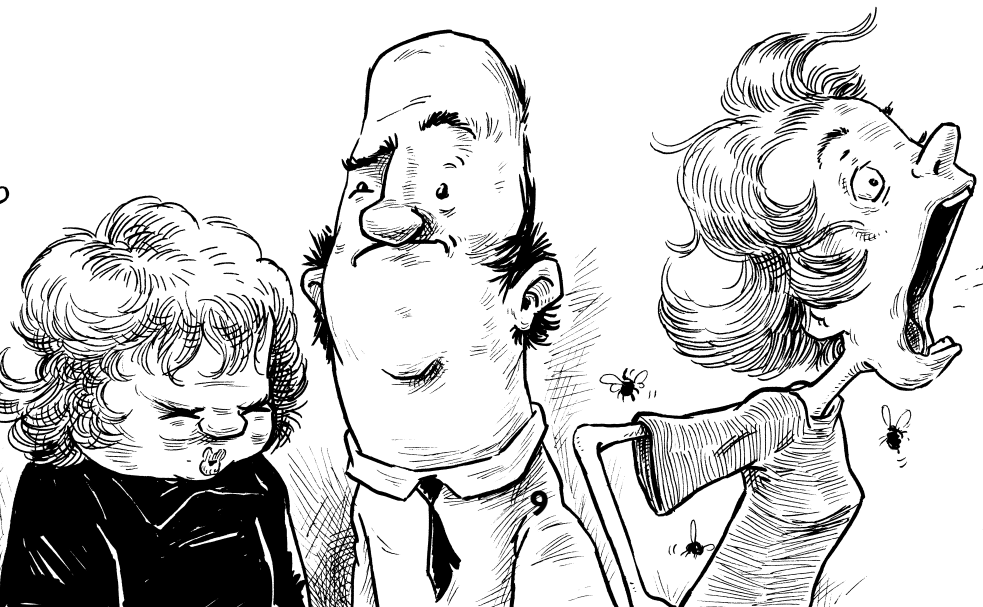
Hermione Hants  
Has ants in her pants.

Norman Nation  
Has constipation.

And Verity Flickers  
Has a wasp in her knickers.

### **The Boy**

The boy stood on the burning deck,  
His feet were full of blisters;  
The flames came up and burned his pants  
And now he wears his sister's.



### **When Mr Brown Went to Town**

When Mr Brown went to town  
People laughed 'cause his trousers fell down.  
What made everyone point and stare  
Was his lack of underwear.

### **The Young Curate of Sarem**

There was a young curate of Sarem  
Whose manners were quite harum-scarum.  
He ran about Hants  
Without any pants  
Till the bishop compelled him to wear 'em.

## **WHAT DO YOU CALL A SMELLY GORILLA?**

### **Roses Smell Sweet**

Roses smell sweet  
Honeysuckle too  
Your dog smells revolting  
And so do you!

What do you call a smelly gorilla?  
*King Pong.*



What's frozen water?  
*Iced water.*  
And what's frozen tea?  
*Iced tea.*  
And what's frozen ink?  
*Iced ink.*  
I know you do!



Doctor, doctor, those pills you gave me  
for BO are rubbish.

*What's wrong with them?*

They keep slipping out of my armpits.

### **I Once Met a Man From Hong Kong**

I once met a man from Hong Kong  
Who'd been jogging for twenty years long.  
He was terribly sweaty.  
He looked like a Yeti  
And his feet had a terrible pong.

### **Common Scents**

The porcupine may have his quills,  
The elephant his trunk;  
But when it comes to common scents,  
My money's on the skunk.

### **All Alone**

Here I sit all alone in the moonlight  
Abandoned by women and men,  
Muttering over and over,  
'I'll never eat garlic again.'

What did the scientist say when he discovered how  
to make a stinkbomb?

*Eww—Reek—Aargh!*

### **Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Bench**

Humpty Dumpty sat on a bench.  
Humpty Dumpty made a foul stench.  
All the king's horses and all the king's men  
Said they wouldn't sit next to Humpty again.

Why did Tigger smell?  
*Because he played with Pooh.*

Knock, knock.  
*Who's there?*  
Sonia.  
*Sonia who?*  
Sonia shoe? I can smell it from here.

### **Cauliflower Nose**

Cauliflower nose,  
Cauliflower nose,  
Your breath stinks  
And so do your toes.

What's the smelliest game in the world?  
*Ping-Pong.*

What do you get if you cross a chicken with a  
skunk?  
*Fowl breath.*

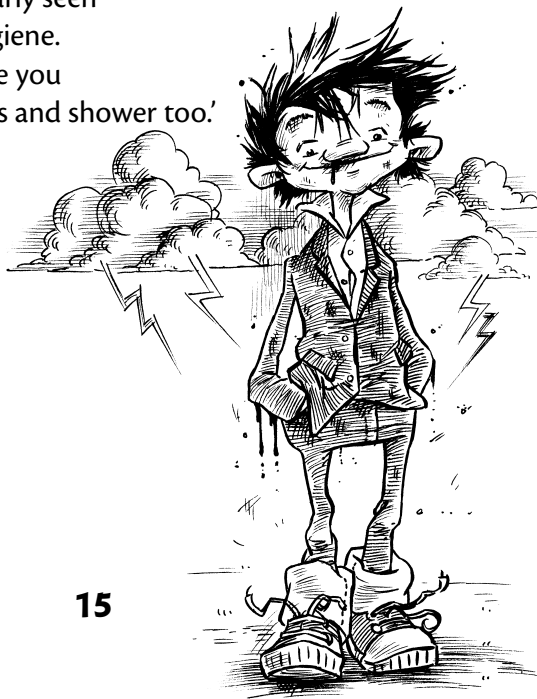
**Dirty Bertie Groves**—a cautionary tale

This is the tale of Bertie Groves  
Who never ever changed his clothes.  
Whenever he went out to play  
The other kids would run away.  
'Bertie's coming!' they would yell,  
Alerted by the pungent smell  
Of Bertie's stained and tattered shirt  
And Bertie's jeans spattered with dirt.  
His sweaty socks gave such a stink,  
It made the other children think  
That the gunge between his toes  
Must have begun to decompose,  
And wonder what was lurking there  
Beneath his unwashed underwear.

But Bertie Groves was unaware  
Why other kids would sniff and glare  
And leave him standing all alone  
In his foul-smelling no-go zone.  
Till he was caught out one morning,  
When a storm, without a warning,  
Ripped off all his tattered clothes,  
Leaving dirty Bertie Groves  
Standing naked in the street  
With pools of water round his feet.

A man threw him a bar of soap,  
Saying, 'Wash yourself, you little dope!'  
And so, for quarter of an hour,  
Bertie had a public shower.

A policeman, passing in his car,  
Said, 'Bertie, you have gone too far.  
To wash yourself is no disgrace,  
But showering in a public place  
Constitutes a serious crime.  
But I will let you off this time,  
If you can promise me and say  
That you will change your clothes each day  
And wash before you go to bed.'  
Bertie Groves nodded his head,  
Saying, 'Now I've clearly seen  
How beneficial is hygiene.  
From today I promise you  
I'll change my clothes and shower too.'





## **I'M DYING TO TELL SOMEONE**

### **Miss Chit-Chat**

Beneath this stone Miss Chit-Chat lies.  
Her gossiping days are done.  
Her final words as she passed away were:  
'I'm dying to tell someone.'

### **Reginald Hacking**

Here lies the body  
Of Reginald Hacking.  
It was his cough  
That bore him off.

### **Stanley Dyer**

Here lies Stanley Dyer  
Who said, 'I'm not ill.'  
But he was a liar.

### **Mr Lee**

Here lies a teacher Mr Lee  
Who said, 'You'll be the death of me!'  
And sitting at his desk one day,  
He gave a sigh and passed away.

### **Constable Chest**

Here lies the body  
Of Constable Chest.  
His heart made him  
His last arrest.

### **A Miser**

A miser lies beneath this stone  
Stingy Timothy Wyatt.  
He died one morning before ten  
And saved a dinner by it.

### **Owen Moore**

Owen Moore  
Gone away  
Owing more  
Than he could pay.

