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An accidental meeting may be better than a fixed date

Adversity makes a man wise not rich

After a storm comes a calm

After dinner sit a while after supper walk a mile

All lay loads on a willing horse

All work and no play makes jack a dull boy

Always in a hurry always behind

Anger is a short madness

Any port in a storm

An apple a day keeps the doctor away

As a man lives so shall he die

As well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb

Avoid a questioner for he is also a tattler

A bad excuse is better than none at all

A bad penny always comes back

A bad shearer never had a good sickle

A bad workman always blames his tools

Be always in time too late is a crime

Beauty fades like a flower

Before you make a friend eat a bushel of salt with him

Better a little loss than a long sorrow

Better a tooth out than always aching

Better a wise enemy than a foolish friend

Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow

Better an open enemy than a false friend

Better be a fool than a knave

Better be an old man's darling than a young man's slave

Better be the head of a dog than the tail of a lion

Better face a danger once than be always in

Better starve free than to be a fat slave

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

Birds of a feather flock together

A blow from a lover is as sweet as the eating of raisins

A book that is shut is but a block

A broken friendship may be soldered but will never be sound

A bully is always a coward

The burial is attended by crowds of people the deceased is a dog

A burnt child dreads the fire

Calamity is the touchstone of a brave mind

Call a spade a spade

A candle lights others and consumes itself

Care killed a cat

A cat has nine lives

A cat may look at a king

Change of a habit cannot alter nature

Charity covers a multitude of sins

Choose a wife by your ear rather than by your eye

Choose not a wife by the eye only

Christmas comes but once a year

A clear conscience fears not false accusations

Conscience is a thousand witnesses

A constant guest is never welcome

A contented mind is a perpetual feast

Correspondence is half a presence

A creaking gate hangs long

A crow is never the whiter for washing itself often

Custom is a second nature

A deceitful peace is more harmful than open war

A disarmed peace is weak

A discontented man knows not where to sit easy

A disease known is half cured

A dog remains a dog even with a collar of gold

A dog's tail is always crooked

A donkey asked to a wedding either to carry water or bring wood

A door must be either shut or open

A drowning man will clutch at a straw

A dwarf on a giant's shoulders sees the farther of the two

Death is a glass everyone will drink it

Despair gives courage to a coward

Destroy the lion while he is yet but a whelp

Don't cross a bridge till you come to it

Don't make a mountain out of a molehill

Don't make a rod for your own back

Don't make yourself a mouse or the cat will eat you

Do not take a book by the cover

Do one thing at a time

Dress a stick and it does not appear to be a stick

Each session has a different discussion each government has different men

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy wealthy and wise

Even a worm will turn

Every cloud has a silver lining

Every couple is not a pair

Every day in thy life is a leaf in thy history

Every difficulty slurred over will be a ghost to disturb your repose later on

Every doubtful accusation leaves a stain behind it

Every extremity is a fault

Every family has a skeleton in the cupboard

Every good scholar is not a good master

Every hour out of bed after midnight is a nail in your coffin

Every law has a loophole

Every man is a king in his own house

Every path has a puddle

Every slip is not a fall

Every why has a wherefore

Everyone will meet a rival wherever he goes

Everything must have a beginning

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth

A fair face is half a fortune

A fair face may hide a foul heart

Faith may move a mountain

A faithful friend is hard to find remember man and keep in mind

Fall not out with a friend for a trifle

A falling master makes a standing servant

Fame is a magnifying glass

A father is a treasure a brother is a comfort but a friend is both

A fault confessed is half redressed

A fault confessed should be forgiven

Fine clothes may disguise but silly words will disclose a fool

The fire which lights us at a distance will burn us when near

A fool and his money soon parted

A fool believes everything

A fool lives in his own paradise

A fool may throw a stone into a well which a hundred wise men cannot pull out

A fool says "i can't" a wise says "i'll try"

A fool's tongue is long enough to cut his own throat

For want of a nail

A forced kindness deserves no thanks

A friend in need is a friend indeed

A friend is easier lost than found

A friend is never known till needed

A friend that you buy will be bought from you

A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody

From the sublime to the ridiculous is but a step

A gift with a kind face is double grace

Give a dog a bad name and hang him

Give a lie twenty-four hours' start and you can never overtake it

Give a man fortune and cast him into the sea

Give knaves an inch and they will take a yard

Give the slave a rod and he'll beat his master

Go down the ladder when you marry a wife go up when you choose a friend

A golden key opens every door

A good book is a great friend

A good heart cannot lie

A good heart conquers ill fortune

A good husband makes a good wife

A good lawyer must be a great liar

A good life keeps off wrinkles

A good man can no more harm than a sheep

A good name is sooner lost than won

A good surgeon must have an eagle's eye a lion's heart and a lady's hand

A good tongue is a good weapon

A good wife and health are a man's best wealth

A good wife is a godly prize

A good worker should have good wages

A great city a great solitude

Great pain and little gain will make a man soon weary

A guest is the captive of the host

A guest wanted comes at meal time

Half a loaf is better than no bread

Half the truth is often a great lie

Happy is she who marries the son of a dead mother

He dies like a beast who has done no good while he lived

He is a fool that forgets himself

He is not a wise man who cannot play the fool on occasion

He should have a long spoon that sups with the devil

He that brings up his son to nothing breeds a thief

He that commits a fault thinks everyone speaks of it

He that goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing

He that has a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it

He that has a wife has a master

He that has been bitten by a serpent is afraid of the rope

He that hath a full purse never wanted a friend

He that is afraid of wounds must not come nigh a battle

He that is born a fool is never cured

He that plants a tree plants for posterity

He that will steal a pin will steal a greater thing

He who handles a nettle tenderly is soonest stung

He who makes himself a ewe becomes the prey of the wolf

He who peeps through a hole may see what will vex him

He who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount

He who seeks for wealth without previous wealth is like him who carries water in a sieve

He will never have a good thing cheap that is afraid to ask the price

A heavy purse makes a light heart

A hedge between keeps friendship green

Help a lame dog over a stile

Hide not your light under a bushel

Hitch your wagon to a star

Honesty in little things is not a little thing

A horse may stumble that has four legs

An hour of pain is as long as a day of pleasure

A house divided against itself cannot stand

A hungry man is an angry man

Hypocrisy is a homage that vice pays to virtue

I am more afraid of an army of a hundred sheep led by a lion than an army of hundred lions led by a sheep

If a man deceives me once shame on him if he deceives me twice shame on me

If a man once falls all will tread on him

If a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well

If each would sweep before his own door we should have a clean city

If two men ride on a horse one must ride behind

If you deal with a fox think of his tricks

If you pay not a servant his wages he will pay himself

If you want a thing well done do it yourself

Ignorance is a voluntary misfortune

An ill marriage is a spring of ill fortune

In a calm sea every man is a pilot

In for a penny in for a pound

It is a dangerous fire that begins in the bed straw

It is a foolish bird that soils its own nest

It is a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor

It is a fraud to borrow what we are not able to repay

It is a great point of wisdom to find out one's own folly

It is a long lane that has no turning

It is a sad heart that never rejoices

It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock

It is the height of merit in a man that his faults can be numbered

It is useless to flog a dead horse

It takes all sorts to make a world

It takes three generations to make a gentleman

It takes two to make a quarrel

It will be all the same a hundred years hence

A jack of all trades is master of none

Keep a thing seven years and you will find a use for it

Keep aloof from quarrels be neither a witness nor a party to them

Keep something for a rainy day

The kite will never be a good hawk

Knowledge is a treasure but practice is the key to it

Laughing without a reason indicates a poor discipline

Learning is an ornament in prosperity a refuge in adversity and provision in old age

A liar is not believed when he tells the truth

A liar is worse than a thief

Life is a shadow

Light not a candle to the sun

A light purse makes a heavy heart

A lion may come to be beholden to a mouse

A little body often harbours a great soul

A little help is worth a deal of pity

A little learning is a dangerous thing

A little neglect may breed great mischief

Love will find a way

Make a page of your own age

Make not a fool of yourself to make others merry

Make the best of a bad bargain

Make the best of a bad job

A man can do no more than he can

A man can only die once

A man is a lion in his own cause

A man is as old as he feels and a woman is as old as she looks

A man is known by the books he reads

A man is known by the company he keeps

A man is the architect of his own fortunes

A man knows his companion in a long way and a little inn

A man of elastic temper wins all hearts

A man of gladness seldom falls into madness

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds

A man will never change his mind if he has no mind to change

A man without a smiling face must not open a shop

A man without reason is a beast in season

A man's destiny is always dark

A man's house is his castle

A man's studies pass into his character

Manners and money make a gentleman

Many a little makes a mickle

Marriage is a lottery

Marriage makes or mars a man

A merchant that gains not loses

A merry companion is a music in a journey

A mill cannot grind with the water that is past

A miss is as good as a mile

Money burns a hole in the pocket

My son is my son till he has got him a wife but my daughter is my daughter all the days of her life

Nature abhors a vacuum

Neither a borrower nor a lender be

Never buy a pig in a poke

Never look a gift horse in the mouse

Never make two bites of a cherry

Never spur a willing horse

Never trust a friend who deserts you at a pinch

No effect without a cause

No man is a hero to his valet

No one believes a liar even when he tells the truth

No rose without a thorn

A nod for a wise man and a rod for a fool

A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart

Once a devil always a devil

One mad action is not enough to prove a man mad

One swallow does not make a summer

A one-eyed man should not laugh at a hunch-backed

The only way to keep a secret is to say nothing

An ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit

An ounce of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow

Patience is a key to relief

Patience is a virtue

A place for everything and everything in its place

Poverty is not a shame but the being ashamed of it is

A promise delayed is justice deferred

A promise is debt that we must not forget

A prophet is not without honour save in his own country and in his own house

Rats desert a sinking ship

Respect is greater from a distance

A rich man's joke is always funny

A rolling stone gathers no moss

Rome was not built in a day

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet

A scabbed sheep infects a whole folk

A secret is too little for one enough for two too much for three

A secret spread between more than two is exposed

Set a beggar on a horseback and he'll ride to the devil

Set a thief to catch a thief

Six of one and half a dozen of the other

A sly man's tears are like the crocodile tears

A soft answer turneth away wrath

A sound mind in a sound body

A still tongue makes a wise head

The sting of a reproach is the truth of it

A stitch in time saves nine

A straw will show which way the wind blows

Success make a fool seem wise

The sun is never the worse for shining on a dunghill

Take not a musket to kill a butterfly

There are three things never hidden love a pregnant woman and one riding on a camel

There is a remedy for all things but death

There is a sin of omission as well as of commission

There is a tide in the affairs of men

There is a time to speak and a time to be silent

There is no rose without a thorn

There's a black sheep in every flock

There's many a good tune played on an old fiddle

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip

There's many a true word spoken in jest

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever

A thing you don't want is dear at any price

Three things drive a man out of his house smoke rain and a scolding wife

Throw out a sprat to catch a mackerel

Thy secret is thy prisoner if thou let it go thou art a prisoner to it

To a grateful man give money when he asks

To deceive a deceiver is no deceit

To every malady a remedy save ignorance

To frighten a bird is not the way to catch it

Tread on a worm and it will turn

A tree is known by its fruit

Trust not a new friend nor an old enemy

Two blacks do not make a white

Two of a trade can never agree

Two wrongs do not make a right

Venture a small fish to catch a great one

Wake not a sleeping lion

A watched pot never boils

Water is a boon in the desert but the drowning man curses it

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach

What can you expect from a hog but a grunt

What is a workman without his tools

What is the good of a sundial in the shade

When a thing is done advice comes late

When i lent i had a friend when i asked he was unkind

Where there's a will there's a way

Why keep a dog and bark yourself

A wise man changes his mind a fool never

A wise man is never less alone than when alone

A woman conceals what she knows not

A woman either loves or hates in extremes

A woman's chastity is a beautiful garment which never wears out

A wonder lasts but nine days

A word is enough to the wise

A word spoken is past recalling

The world is a ladder for some to go up and some down

The worth of a thing is best known by the want of it

You can lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink

You cannot get blood out of a stone

You cannot judge a book by its cover

You cannot make a crab walk straight

You may know by a handful the whole sack

You may lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink

A young man idle an old man needy

Zeal without knowledge is a runaway horse

After dinner rest a while after supper walk a mile

An ape is an ape a varlet is a varlet though they be clad in silk or scarlet

An apple-pie without some cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze

Ask a silly question and you get a silly answer

A bad excuse is better than none

A bad penny always turns up

A bad workman blames his tools

A barking dog never bites

Beauty draws with a single hair

Set a beggar on horseback and he will ride to the devil

A bellowing cow soon forgets her calf

Better a century of tyranny than one day of chaos

Better a dinner of herbs than a stalled ox where hate is

Better a good cow than a cow of a good kind

Better to live one day as a tiger than a thousand years as a sheep

A bird never flew on one wing

A bleating sheep loses a bite

A blind man's wife needs no paint

You cannot get blood from a stone

You can not tell a book by its cover

Never send a boy to do a man's job

Two boys are half a boy and three boys are no boy at all

Brag is a good dog but holdfast is better

Always a bridesmaid never a bride

It is good to make a bridge of gold to a flying enemy

The buyer has need of a hundred eyes the seller of but one

A carpenter is known by his chips

Ne'er cast a clout till may be out

It doesn't matter if a cat is black or white as long as it catches mice

A cat in gloves catches no mice

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link

A change is as good as a rest

A cherry year a merry year a plum year a dumb year

A civil question deserves a civil answer

A clever hawk hides its claws

A clean conscience is a good pillow

Constant dropping wears away a stone

Why buy a cow when milk is so cheap

A creaking door hangs longest

A deaf husband and a blind wife are always a happy couple

The best defense is a good offense

The devil was sick the devil a saint would be the devil was well the devil a saint

The difficult is done at once the impossible takes a little longer

Feed a dog for three days and he will remember your kindness for three years feed

A cat for three years and she will forget your kindness in three days

A dog is for life not just for christmas

A dog that will fetch a bone will carry a bone

A door must either be shut or open

Dream of a funeral and you hear of a marriage

A dripping June sets all in tune

You can drive out nature with a pitchfork but she keeps on coming back

We must eat a peck of dirt before we die

The english are a nation of shopkeepers

Enough is as good as a feast

Everybody loves a lord

A fair exchange is no robbery

What can you expect from a pig but a grunt

Experience keeps a dear school

The eye of a master does more work than both his hands

Fair and softly goes far in a day

Fair play's a jewel

Feed a cold and starve a fever

Fire is a good servant but a bad master

The first duty of a soldier is obedience

There is always a first time

A fool and his money are soon parted

A fool at forty is a fool indeed

A fool may give a wise man counsel

There's no such thing as a free lunch

It's ill speaking between a full man and a fasting

Never look a gift horse in the mouth

Give a thing and take a thing to wear the devil's gold ring

Where god builds a church the devil will build a chapel

A golden key can open any door

A good beginning makes a good ending

There's many a good cock come out of a tattered bag

He is a good dog who goes to church

A good horse cannot be of a bad colour

The only good indian is a dead indian

A good jack makes a good jill

A great book is a great evil

A green yule makes a fat churchyard

A guilty conscience needs no accuser

Half the truth is often a whole lie

When all you have is a hammer everything looks like a nail

Hang a thief when he is young and he'll no' steal when he is old

One might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb

If you would be happy for a week take a wife if you would be happy for a month kill a pig but if you would be happy all your life plant a garden

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned

When you are in a hole stop digging

Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper

You can take a horse to the water but you can not make him drink

A house divided cannot stand

Keep a thing seven years and you'll always find a use for it

A king's chaff is worth more than other men's corn

You should know a man seven years before you stir his fire

A man who is his own lawyer has a fool for his client

A liar ought to have a good memory

A lie is halfway round the world before the truth has got its boots on

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing

A little pot is soon hot

A live dog is better than a dead lion

No matter how long a log stays in the water it doesn't become a crocodile

The longest journey begins with a single step

Love and a cough cannot be hid

A man is as old as he feels and a woman as old as she looks

Because a man is born in a stable that does not make him a horse

Many a mickle makes a muckle

There's many a slip between cup and lip

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb

There goes more to marriage than four bare legs in a bed

Money makes a man

A moneyless man goes fast through the market

The mother of mischief is no bigger than a midge's wing

A mouse may help a lion

A nation without a language is a nation without a heart

Needles and pins needles and pins when a man marries his trouble begins

What a neighbour gets is not lost

If you gently touch a nettle it'll sting you for your pains grasp it like a lad of mettle an' as soft as silk remains

Never is a long time

Nine tailors make a man

A nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse

Nothing should be done in haste but gripping a flea

Nothing so bold as a blind mare

There is nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse

When the oak is before the ash then you will only get a splash when the ash is before the oak then you may expect a soak

Once a priest always a priest

Once a whore always a whore

One for sorrow two for mirth three for a wedding four for a birth

Opportunity makes a thief

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of precept

A peck of march dust is worth a king's ransom

A penny saved is a penny earned

Every picture tells a story

See a pin and pick it up all the day you'll have good luck see a pin and let it lie bad luck you'll have all the day

It is a poor dog that's not worth whistling for

It is a poor heart that never rejoices

A postern door makes a thief

Poverty is no disgrace but it is a great inconvenience

Poverty is not a crime

Pride goes before a fall

A prophet is not without honour save in his own country

You cannot get a quart into a pint pot

A reed before the wind lives on while mighty oaks do fall

There is a remedy for everything except death

Revenge is a dish that can be eaten cold

A rising tide lifts all boats

Robin hood could brave all weathers but a thaw wind

Up like a rocket down like a stick

Give a man rope enough and he will hang himself

Never mention rope in the house of a man who has been hanged

If saint paul's day be fair and clear it will betide a happy year

Who says a must say b

Scratch a russian and you find a tartar

He that would go to sea for pleasure would go to hell for a pastime

Good seed makes a good crop

Do not spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar

A short horse is soon curried

A shut mouth catches no flies

Silence is a woman's best garment

You can not make a silk purse out of a sow's ear

It's a sin to steal a pin

Six hours' sleep for a man seven for a woman and eight for a fool

A slice off a cut loaf isn't missed

My son is my son till he gets him a wife but my daughter's my daughter all the days of her life

A sow may whistle though it has an ill mouth for it

Speak softly and carry a big stick

When spider webs unite they can tie up a lion

One man may steal a horse while another may not look over a hedge

One step at a time

A stern chase is a long chase

It is easy to find a stick to beat a dog

Put a stout heart to a stey brae

A stream cannot rise above its source

From the sublime to the ridiculous is only a step

Never give a sucker an even break

Sue a beggar and catch a louse

The sun loses nothing by shining into a puddle

He who sups with the devil should have a long spoon

A swarm in may is worth a load of hay a swarm in june is worth a silver spoon but a swarm in july is not worth a fly

With a sweet tongue and kindness you can drag an elephant by a hair

A tale never loses in the telling

If a thing's worth doing it's worth doing well

Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead

Three removals are as bad as a fire

Three things are not to be trusted a cow's horn a dog's tooth and a horse's hoof

Thrift is a great revenue

There is a time and place for everything

There is a time for everything

Time is a great healer

As a tree falls so shall it lie

A trouble shared is a trouble halved

Many a true word is spoken in jest

Truth lies at the bottom of a well

While two dogs are fighting for a bone a third runs away with it

Two of a trade never agree

If two ride on a horse one must ride behind

It takes two to make a bargain

It takes a whole village to bring up a child

If you want a thing done well do it yourself

For want of a nail the shoe was lost for want of a shoe the horse was lost and for want of a horse the man was lost

If you want something done ask a busy person

There is more than one way to skin a cat

There are more ways of killing a cat than choking it with cream

There are more ways of killing a dog than choking it with butter

There are more ways of killing a dog than hanging it

Wedlock is a padlock

A whistling woman and a crowing hen are neither fit for god nor men

A wilful man must have his way

You win a few you lose a few

It is a wise child that knows its own father

Do not call a wolf to help you against the dogs

A woman a dog and a walnut tree the more you beat them the better they be

A woman and a ship ever want mending

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle

A woman's place is in the home

A woman's work is never done

A word to the wise is enough

The worth of a thing is what it will bring

A young man married is a young man marred

A quelque chose malheur est bon

A quoi bon lui dire cela

A la bonne heure
Il a bon pied bon œil
A bon jour bonne œuvre
A bon vin point d'enseigne
Il a la tête près du bonnet
Il a mis son bonnet de travers
Il a pris cela sous son bonnet
Il a mis du foin dans ses bottes
A propos de bottes
Il a ri du bout des lèvres
Il a le bras long
A brebis tondue dieu mesure le vent
Il a eu le malheur de se brouiller avec la justice
Qui a bruit de se lever matin peut dormir jusqu'au soir
Il n'y a si petit buisson qui ne porte ombre
Ça a sa petite volonté
Cet avocat a un bon cabinet
Il a fait le tour du cadran
Il a le caractère bien fait
Il a le caractère mal fait
Elle lui a tiré les cartes
Il a vu le dessous des cartes
Il a eu gain de cause
A ce que je vois
A la cour du roi chacun pour soi

Il y a bien des chambres à louer dans sa tête

A chaque saint sa chandelle

Il en a l'air et la chanson

A bon chat bon rat

Il n'y a pas là de quoi fouetter un chat

Il n'y a pas un chat

Il a les pieds bien chauds

Elle a une grande fortune de son chef

En tout pays il y a une lieue de mauvais chemin

Il a changé son cheval borgne contre un aveugle

Il n'y a pas de petit chez soi

Chien hargneux a toujours l'oreille déchirée

Elle a une petite mine chiffonnée

Ce n'est pas mal mais il y a encore quelque chose qui cloche

Il a cela à cœur

Il a mal au cœur

Il a une maladie de cœur

Elle a le cœur gros

Il a le cœur sur les lèvres

A moitié fait qui commence bien

Il n'y a si bonne compagnie qui ne se quitte

Qui a compagnon a maître

Il a son compte

Il a bientôt assemblé son conseil

Cette affaire a passé à fleur de corde

Il a de la corde de pendu dans sa poche
Nous verrons ce qu'il a dans le corps
Il a l'âme chevillée dans le corps
Il a mal au coude
Cette démarche a porté coup
Il a fait un bon coup
On lui a monté le coup
Il a bu un coup de trop
Il y a loin de la coupe aux lèvres
Il lui a coupé la parole
Son père lui a coupé les vivres
Cela lui a coupé le sifflet
Il a craché en l'air et ça lui est retombé sur le nez
Le roi Jean a crevé les yeux à Arthur
Il n'y a qu'un cri sur son compte
Il a trente ans et cependant il vit aux crochets de sa mère
A l'en croire il a eu tous les prix
Il n'y a pas de danger
A vous le dé
Le ministre lui a accordé un débit de tabac
Il a écrit vingt pages sans débrider
On a découvert le pot aux roses
Il a le visage défait
A beau demandeur beau refuseur
Il n'y a rien au dessus de cela

Il a l'air d'un déterré
Qui a terme ne doit rien
A chacun son dû
Il a le diable au corps
Elle a la beauté du diable
A qui le dites-vous
Le régiment a donné
Il nous a dit des contes à dormir debout
Qui a renommée de se lever matin peut dormir jusqu'à midi
Le juge les a renvoyés dos à dos
Il a bon dos
Elle a déjà un fils sous les drapeaux
Il n'y a pas de petites économies
Chacun a payé son écot
Il a été reçu d'emblée
Il a employé le vert et le sec pour y parvenir
Elle a un air emprunté
A dure enclume marteau de plume
Elle a deux enfants du premier lit
Il n'y a pas de petit ennemi
Il a l'esprit aux talons
Il a l'esprit de l'escalier
Il a de l'esprit comme quatre
Il y a de l'étoffe dans cet enfant
Il n'en a rien été

Il en a été pour sa peine
Il a le pied à l'étrier
A franc étrier
Il a bonne façon
De toute façon il a tort
Il y a fagots et fagots
A chose faite point de remède
Il lui a dit son fait
Il a pris fait et cause pour moi
Cette remarque a porté à faux
Il y a quelque fer qui cloche
Il a jeté tout son feu
Il a trouvé la fève au gâteau
A toile ourdie dieu envoie le fil
La plus belle fille du monde ne peut donner que ce qu'elle a
Il a le nez fin
Il a les nerfs à fleur de peau
Quand il n'y a pas de foin au râtelier les chevaux se battent
Au fond il a tort
Il a placé son argent à fonds perdu
A plus forte raison
Chacun a dans sa vie un souris de la fortune
Cela lui a coûté un argent fou
Cette pièce a fait four
A vieille mule frein doré

Il n'y a pas de feu sans fumée
Où il y a de la gêne il n'y a pas de plaisir
Il a connu la gêne
A gens de village trompette de bois
Cette maison a été vendue de gré à gré
Il en a vu de grises
Il lui en a fait voir de grises
Qui terre a guerre a
Il y a du haut et du bas dans la vie
A l'heure qu'il est on ne le fait plus
A l'heure qu'il est il doit savoir la nouvelle
Il n'y a que les honteux qui perdent
A huis clos
A l'impossible nul n'est tenu
Il a pris ses jambes à son cou
Il a joué des jambes
Il a des jambes de quinze ans
Il a les jambes en manche de veste
Il a des fourmis dans les jambes
A beau jeu beau retour
Il y a aujourd'hui huit jours
Il y a quinze ans jour pour jour
Il a la langue trop longue
Il a la langue bien pendue
La langue lui a fourché

Il a une mémoire de lièvre
Il a une tête de linotte
Il a une chambre grande comme la main
Il y a mis la dernière main
Il a fait cela haut la main
Il a mangé son pain blanc le premier
Il a mangé de la vache enragée
Il a manqué d'être pris
Chacun a sa marotte
Il a éventé la mèche
Il n'y a pas mèche
A beau mentir qui vient de loin
Il nous a servi un plat de son métier
Il nous a fait mauvaise mine
Cet homme a très mauvaise mine
Il y a un monde fou
Si elle a trente ans c'est tout le bout du monde
Il lui a rendu la monnaie de sa pièce
Il a toujours le mot pour rire
Il a 40000 francs de rente au bas mot
Il a pris la mouche
Il n'y a pas moyen
Cet enfant a peu de moyens
Il a les mains nettes
Il a un pied de nez

Il a fait un pied de nez

Il a saigné du nez

A vue de nez

Il a fait la noce toute la semaine

Elle dit qu'elle a vingt ans—et les mois de nourrice

Il a les yeux au beurre noir

Elle a des yeux à la perte de son âme

Il a les yeux battus

Il a les yeux cernés

Cela lui a tapé dans l'œil

Il a battu les buissons un autre a pris l'oiseau

Il a de l'esprit jusqu'au bout des ongles

Il a bec et ongles

On lui a fait passer le goût du pain

Il a du pain sur la planche

A ce qu'il me paraît

Parier il y a cent à parier qu'ils ne reviendront pas

Il a son franc parler

Il a pris son parti

A parti pris point de conseil

Il a épousé un bon parti

Il n'y a que le premier pas qui coûte

Il a fait sa pelote

Il a dit pis que pendre de vous

Il a eu plus de peur que de mal

Il a trouvé la pie au nid
Il a trouvé chaussure à son pied
Il a le pied marin
Il a mis les pieds dans le plat
Plus on a plus on veut avoir
Il y a un point noir à l'horizon
On lui a fait un poisson d'avril
Il a avalé la pratique de polichinelle
Il a l'air de revenir de pontoise
Il a été mis à la porte par les oreilles et les deux épaules
On a condamné la porte
Il n'y a si méchant pot qui ne trouve son couvercle
Il a reçu un pot-de-vin
Il n'y a pas presse
Il n'y a pas là de quoi pleurer
Il n'y a pas de quoi rire
Il n'y a pas de quoi
Il a reculé pour mieux sauter
Il n'y a rien à redire à cela
Il a les reins solides
Il a remporté la victoire
Il a fait jouer tous les ressorts
Toute médaille a son revers
Il a beaucoup de savoir faire
Il a du savoir vivre

Il n'y a pas de si qui fasse
Elle a quarante ans bien sonnés
Elle lui a jeté un sort
Il a fait une sortie
A sotte question point de réponse
Il n'y a pas de sots métiers il n'y a que de sottes gens
Il a fait de cent sous quatre livres et de quatre livres rien
A merle soûl cerises sont amères
Est-ce qu'elle est belle—elle est comme il y en a tant
Cela a fait son temps
Qui a temps a vie
Il n'y a pas d'amitié qui tienne
Il n'a pas cédé il a tenu bon
Il y a terme à tout
Il a mauvaise tête
Cet homme a mauvaise tête et bon cœur
Cet homme a de la tête
Il a le timbre fêlé
Elle a l'air de ne pas y toucher
Il nous a menés bon train
Il a l'esprit de travers
Il n'y a pas à s'y tromper
Il n'y a pas de grand homme pour son valet de chambre
Savoir ce que quelqu'un a dans le ventre
Il nous en a fait voir de toutes les couleurs

Il a obtenu cela entre bond et volée

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