

QUILTER'S HUSBAND LAMENT

I've always known that life was full of obstacles & woes.
 I've learned to live with sickness, death, & taxes, heaven knows.
 I've taken all these things in stride, the problems & the strife, but one I didn't count on
 was a Quilter for a wife.

I come home from work, the stove is cold, the dirty clothes still there.
 The suit I wanted cleaned today still lying on the chair.
 "Where's Mama, son?" I asked the boy, "This house is such a mess.
 Why, all the sheets are missing, we've been burglarized, I guess!"
 "No, Mama stripped down all the beds & took the sheets away,
 She cut them into little strips & pieced 2 quilts today."
 Why, every pair of pants I own is cut into little squares. "I'm demonstrating appliqué," my
 lovely wife declares.

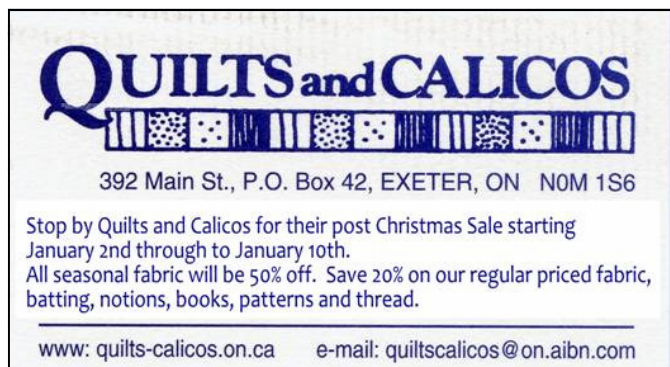
I show up at the office in my boxer shorts & tie.
 My secretary giggles & the clerks give me the eye.
 It's freezing cold, I'm shaking & my knees are turning blue. My boss considered firing me,
 but his wife's a Quilter too. I told him what had happened, & he said he could believe, I no-
 ticed that the coat he wore had only half a sleeve.

A husband needs a loving wife to help him through his ills, to soothe & comfort, mop his
 brow & help him take his pills. Should influenza strike him, his life's not worth a dime, par-
 ticularly if it hits him at quilt Convention time.

You'll lie there in an empty house in pain & deep despair,
 While the workshops & lectures keep your wife's attention there. You learn to ask no ques-
 tions when she smiles & drives away, rushing to the fabric shop for a big sale there today.
 She's gone for hours, then drags back home all bleary-eyed & down.
 Now who'd believe a lie like that? She must be running round.

But I'll get by, I always do, some days are fine, some not. When your wife's a Quilter you'll
 soon learn to tolerate a lot. I know that when my life is through & I pass away, they'll
 have to set my funeral so it's not on Quilting Day.

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