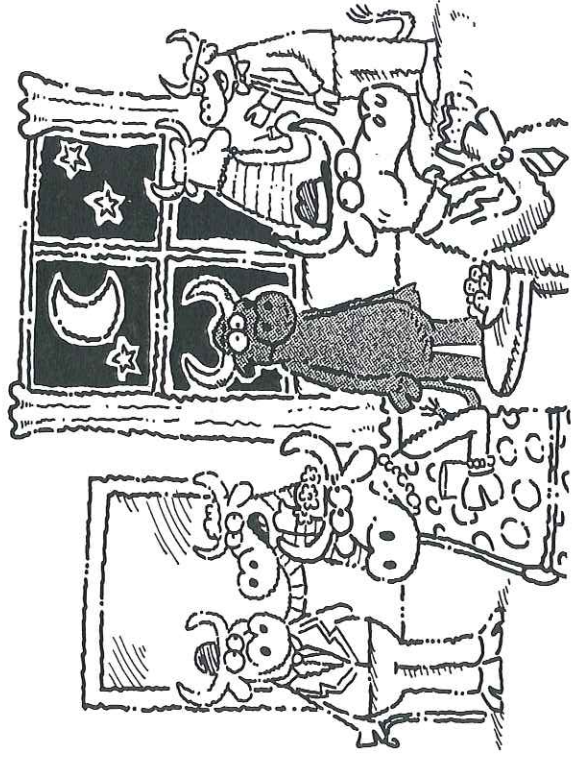


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AUSTERE
(aw STEER)

stern, as in manner; without excess, unadorned, severely simple and plain

Link: STEER



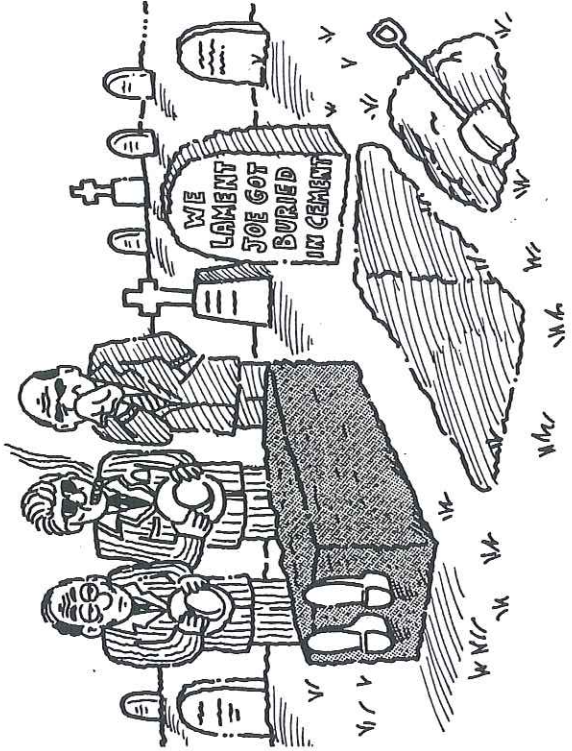
"An AUSTERE STEER is no fun at a party."

- Jill's father was AUSTERE, rarely smiled and was always stern with her about having dates with boys he didn't know.
- The AUSTERITY of life in the village was understandable. Many were jobless and evidence of poverty was everywhere.
- Her home was AUSTERELY decorated, very plain furniture without frills and only items that were necessary.

LAMENT
(la MINT)

to express sorrow or regret; to mourn

Link: CEMENT



"We LAMENT that Joe got buried in CEMENT."

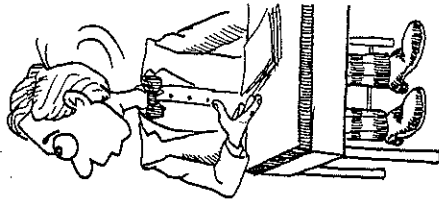
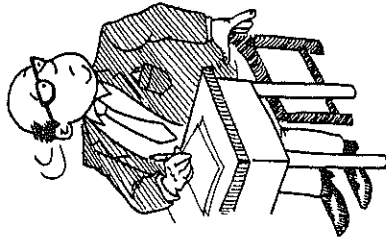
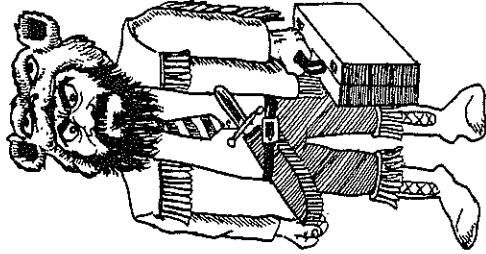
- The song, "Cowboy's LAMENT," is a ballad about the lonely life of those who drive cattle for a living.
- The nation LAMENTS the passing of the President while at the same time celebrating his achievements while in office.
- It is LAMENTABLE that Roscoe quit college in his sophomore year; his professors considered him the brightest engineering student in his class.

INCONGRUOUS

(in KAHN grew us)

not appropriate, unsuited to the surroundings; not fitting in

Link: IN CONGRESS



"The new Alaskan senator's presence IN CONGRESS was INCONGRUOUS."

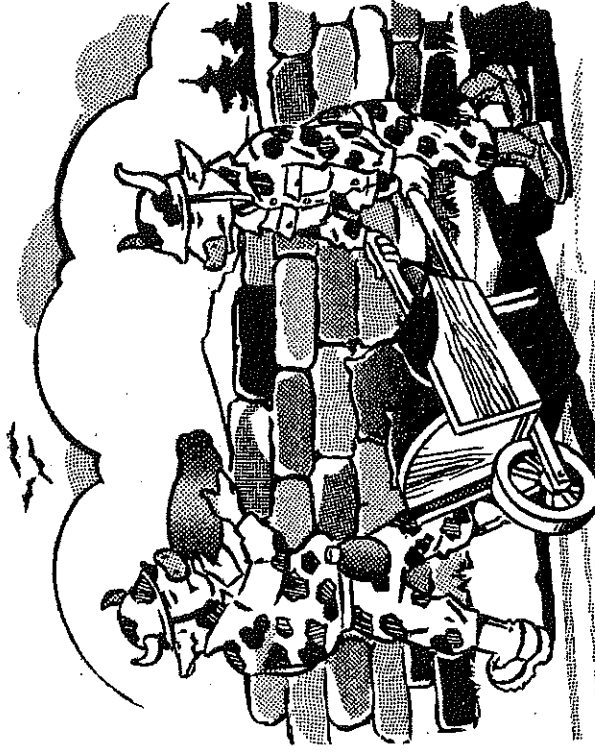
- ❑ Ed appeared INCONGRUOUS wearing his tuxedo on an old-fashioned hayride.
- ❑ The INCONGRUITY with Joseph's chosen career was that he had a Ph.D. in chemistry, but preferred to work as a mullet fisherman.
- ❑ INCONGRUOUSLY, Dianne spent several days a week at the library, even though she professed that she didn't like to read.

BULWARK

(BULL wurk)

a defensive wall; something serving as a principle defense

Link: BULL WORK



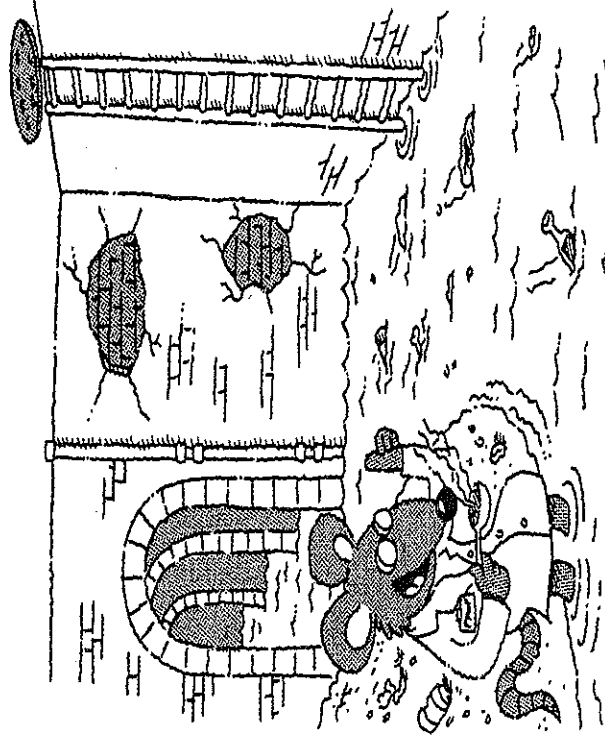
"BULLS WORK building a BULWARK."

- ❑ Quebec City is the only city in North America with a BULWARK built entirely around it.
- ❑ The budget for national defense is an economic burden for all taxpayers, but we must never forget our armed services are the BULWARK of defense for the nation.
- ❑ Our mother was a BULWARK against bad times; no matter how bad things became she always wore a smile and had a cheerful word.

CONNOISSEUR

(kahn uh SUR)
an expert, particularly in
matters of art and taste

Link: KING OF SEWER



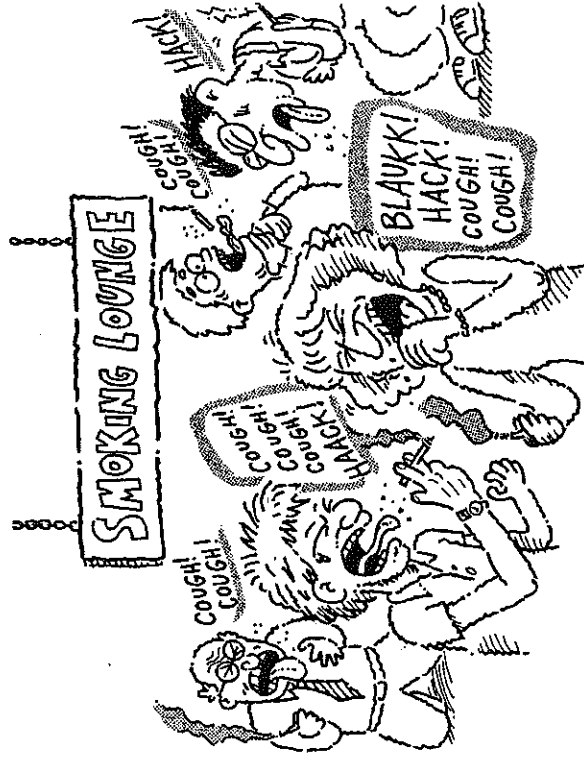
*"The KING OF the SEWER is a
CONNOISSEUR of garbage."*

- My uncle is a CONNOISSEUR of fine wines.
- Art dealer, Jorge Guizar, is a CONNOISSEUR of Mexican art of the 19th century.
- When it came to coins, Jerry proclaimed he was a CONNOISSEUR, because he had collected them all his life.

CACOPHONY

(kuh KAFH uh nee)
harsh sounds

Link: COUGH



"A CACOPHONY of COUGHING."

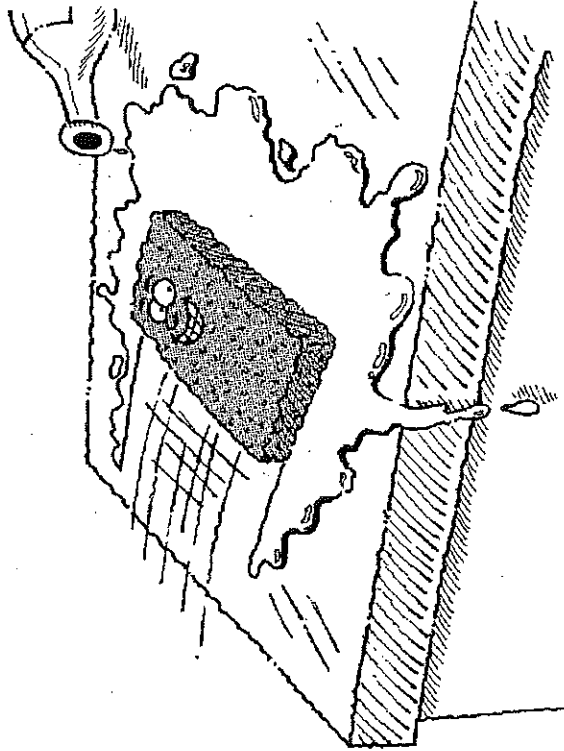
- A CACOPHONY isn't noise alone, it is disturbing noise such as when people shout all at once.
- Gene thinks all rock music is a CACOPHONY to be avoided whenever possible.
- An unpleasant CACOPHONY of sound was produced as the orchestra tuned their instruments. But once they began to play together the sounds became euphonious.

EXPUNGE

(ex PUNGE)

to remove; to delete; to erase

Link: SPONGE



"A SPONGE EXPUNGING a spill."

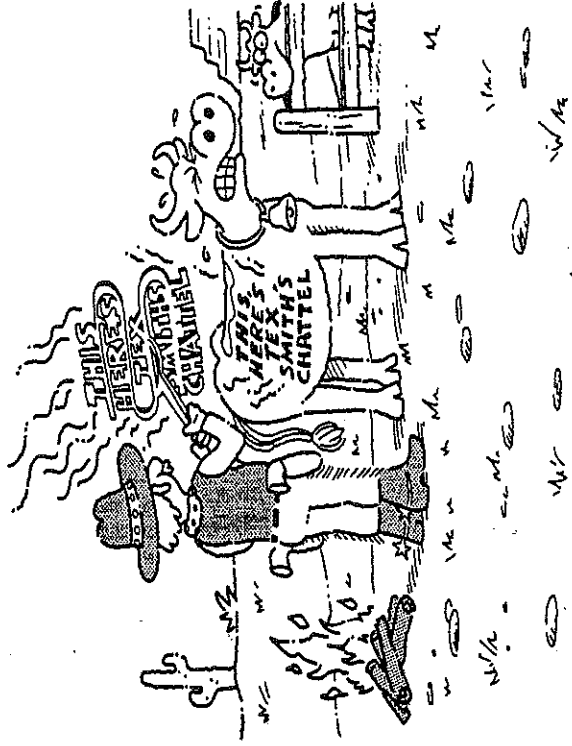
- The judge ordered the clerk to EXPUNGE the lawyer's statement from the record.
- The wet and muddy footprints were EXPUNGED with soap and water.
- The teacher told Justin EXPUNGING the low grades from his record was not something she was willing to do.

CHATTEL

(chattel)

an item of personal, movable property; slave

Link: CATTLE



"Tex's CATTLE were his CHATTEL."

- The bank held a CHATTEL mortgage on all our office equipment, chairs, computers and even our electric clock.
- Please do not order me around Lady Boswell, I am neither your servant nor your CHATTEL.
- The CHATTEL belonging to Herodotos of Athens at his death were sixteen slaves, seven horses, six hunting dogs and three midget gladiators.

