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HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICAN HUMOUR.

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Antonio was born in Naples. When he was about 40 years old, his relations, who had been in New York for many years, wrote to him and said:

"Antonio, come to America. It is a wonderful country, and we will help you make a living". So, Antonio took the ship to the States from Naples; landed in New York, and almost immediately on arrival in New York, with no time to waste, his relations bought him a barrel. They bought him a pile of bananas and showed him where to go and sell them. They taught him how to sell the bananas at so much a hunch, and in the course of time everybody in the east side knew Antonio and his bananas.

In the course of time after five years past in America, his relations said to him: "Antonio, you should now apply to become an American citizen." "How does one apply to become an American citizen?" First of all you complete your papers, and then you appear before a Judge. The Judge will ask you a number of questions on the American constitution, and the Presidents and then when he is satisfied that you have taken the trouble to learn something about America he will grant you American Citizenship. "What kind of questions does he ask?" Well his relations who had been through the mill explained to him and tried to drill him to prepare him.

"First of all, he will ask you; " Who was the first President of the U.S.A?" To that you must answer: "George Washington". Good! This Antonio studied by heart. "What President freed the American slaves?" "Abraham Lincoln!" He'll then ask you a bit about America itself. "What famous statue is there in New York harbour?" "The statue of Liberty!" "How many states are there in the U.S.A?" At that time there were 48 states. And so much Antonio could remember. 48 states in the U.S.A. "How many Presidents have there been since George Washington?" "26!" Then the Judge is going to ask you another question: "What qualifications must a man have to be President of the U.S.A?" And the answer is a man must have been born in the U.S.A. to be able to become President. A foreign born person cannot become President. So much Antonio learnt by heart, and he is ready for the Judge. And he also told him he must be very respectful to the Judge. After all he is a Government Official. He must call him: "Your Honour". Well in due course Antonio having filled in his papers was scheduled, or excuse/the Americans say "skeduled", to appear before the Judge; and the judge started asking him questions very benignly - after all he had handled many such people in his life.

"Antonio, who was the first President of the U.S.A?" For this Antonio was ready. "George Washington, your Honour." Who was the President of the U.S.A, who freed the slaves? "Abraham Lincoln, your Honour", and the Judge diversified a bit then. "Antonio what famous statue is there in New York Harbour?" "The Statue of Liberty your Honour". "How many states are there in the Union?" "Forty-eight your Honour." "How many Presidents have there been since George Washington?" "Twenty-six your Honour". Then the Judge said: "Antonio could you be President of /the .....



the U.S.A?" I very sorry your Honour. I too busy selling the bananas!"

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Whilst on the subject of "Schedule" I have just reminded myself of the story of Montgomery, the British General, who was having a long talk with the American General, Eisenhower, just before "D-Day" in World War II. They were planning the assault on Europe, and General Eisenhower said: "Well, I think we will now be able to launch the assault exactly on "skedule". And Montgomery said: "I beg your pardon Sir, but the actual pronounciation is "schedule". Eisenhower insists "No; "We all say 'skedule'". Montgomery said "No! I'm sorry, but we were the people who invented the English langauge and we pronounce it "schedule". Eisenhower said: "No, but I have been brought up and trained to use the word 'skedule'. Montgomery then said: "With respect Sir, where did you learn to pronounce it 'skedule?' So Eisenhower said "In SCHOEL".

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Another story of an Italian trying to become an American citizen!

Giovanni's relations had actually tried to tell him that according to the constitution of America, its congress and various other bodies ~~the~~ procure the laws in America and pass them. In due course when Giovanni went before the Judge, the Judge asked him: "Giovanni, who makes the laws in America? Giovanni replied: "Make a die money! Make a die laws!"

On the same subject apparently the Judge asked: Let us take a third man Giuseppi. "How many States are there in the U.S.A?" Well, he had not been drilled and he hadn't been prepared so he did not know. He promptly replied and said to the Judge: "Your Honour, how many Bananas are there in a bunch?" The Judge replied: "Well I'm sure I don't know!" To which Guiseppi replied: "You do not know my business, and I don't know your business.

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A GENERAL HAD TO TAKE HIS STAFF TO TASK FOR OVER  
INDULGENCE IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

"NOBODY MINDS A MAN HAVING A MORNING EYE-OPENER",  
HE TOLD THEM. "AND IT'S O.K. TO HAVE A BRACER ROUND TEN  
O'CLOCK, AND A COUPLE OF DRINKS BEFORE LUNCH. I THINK A FEW  
BEERS ON A HOT AFTERNOON KEEP A MAN HEALTHY AND, OF COURSE,  
EVERYBODY DRINKS AT THE COCKTAIL HOUR. I KNOW YOU CAN'T  
CRITICISE A MAN FOR HAVING WINE WITH HIS DINNER, A LIQUEUR  
AFTERWARDS, AND SEVERAL HIGHBALLS DURING THE EVENING: BUT THIS  
BUSINESS OF SIP, SIP, SIP ALL DAY LONG HAS GOT TO STOP! "

I HAD TWELVE BOTTLES OF WHISKY IN MY CELLAR, AND MY WIFE TOLD ME TO EMPTY THE CONTENTS OF EACH AND EVERY BOTTLE DOWN THE SINK, "OR ELSE". SO I SAID I WOULD, AND PROCEEDED WITH THE UNPLEASANT TASK. I WITHDREW THE CORK FROM THE FIRST BOTTLE AND Poured THE CONTENTS DOWN THE SINK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE GLASS, WHICH I DRANK. I EXTRACTED THE CORK FROM THE SECOND BOTTLE AND DID LIKEWISE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE GLASS, WHICH I DRANK. I THEN WITHDREW THE CORK FROM THE THIRD BOTTLE AND EMPTIED THE GOOD OLD BOOZE DOWN THE SINK, EXCEPT A GLASS, WHICH I DRANK. I PULLED THE CORK FROM THE FOURTH SINK AND Poured THE/...

THE BOTTLE DOWN THE GLASS, WHICH I DRANK. I PULLED THE BOTTLE FROM THE CORK OF THE NEXT AND DRANK ONE SINK OUT OF IT, AND Poured THE REST DOWN THE GLASS. I PULLED THE SINK OUT OF THE NEXT GLASS AND Poured THE CORK DOWN THE BOTTLE. I PULLED THE NEXT CORK OUT OF MY THROAT, Poured THE SINK DOWN THE BOTTLE AND DRANK THE GLASS. THEN I CORKED THE SINK WITH THE GLASS, BOTTLED THE DRINK, AND DRANK THE POUR. WHEN I HAD EMPTIED EVERYTHING I STEADIED THE HOUSE WITH ONE HAND AND COUNTED THE BOTTLES AND CORKS AND GLASSES WITH THE OTHER, WHICH WERE/...

WERE TWENTY-NINE. TO BE SURE, I COUNTED AGAIN WHEN THEY CAME BY AND I HAD SEVENTY-FOUR, AND AS THE HOUSE CAME BY AGAIN I COUNTED THEM AGAIN, AND FINALLY I HAD ALL THE HOUSES AND BOTTLES AND CORKS AND GLASSES COUNTED, EXCEPT ONE BOTTLE AND ONE HOUSE WHICH I DRANK.

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