

Second runner-up:

What is the difference between a dasher and a haberdasher? One has short spurts; the other has sport shirts. [Gary Disch, Ottawa, Ont.]

First runner-up:

What is the difference between a Guinea hen and young witch? One is a wild chicken; the other is a child Wiccan. [Pat Mauer, Los Angeles, CA]

The winner:

What is the difference between a wedding chapel and a restaurant's daily specials? One is a marrying venue, the other is a varying menu. [Michael True, Falls Church, VA]

A POEM

MARTIN GARDNER

This is an excerpt from Gardner's 1969 book *Never Make Fun Of A Turtle, My Son* (Simon and Schuster, illustrated by John Alcorn).

Bedtime

Dear Rose, when Mother says to you,
 "It's time to go to bed,"
Don't whine and cry and try to do
 A thousand things instead.

Like kissing everyone good night
 Seven times or so,
And asking stupid questions
 While you scratch your little toe.

Or bouncing out of bed before
 You've slept a single wink,
To tiptoe to the bathroom
 And drink another drink.

You think it fools your parents
 But it wouldn't fool a dunce.
So—off to bed when Mother says,
 And off to bed AT ONCE!