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Another Pun Quiz of misdefinitions, which usually also hint at the actual meanings. In parentheses are the letters in the answer; (5|4) is a charade, a nine letter word that splits into a five plus four letter pun. My answers are out back.

1. collect clocks (4 4)
2. seeing eye to eye (5-4)
3. fail to find a husband (4)
4. porous peters (anagram) (12!)
5. You own it, or it owns you? (9)
6. those who prey before meals (10)
7. the one who asks the oddest questions (7)
8. Have doubts about the second Gospel? (8 4)
9. war cry of a cabbage thief (a Queen?) (3 4 5 5)
10. hoping someone will find the magic water hole (7 4)
11. This drink (Oz siang) is imbied and exibed unchanged. (4)
12. come down heavy on a burglar’s middleman (or not) (3 2 3 5)
13. Spread the wealth without admitting responsibility for it. (4 3 4.)
14. an “automatic” life style (anagrams: Flesh sits, shits self.) (5|4)
15. Usher them to their reserved seats in a humiliating manner. (3 4 2 5 5.)
16. material for making slip-on shoes for steel robots (or weightlifters?) (4 4)
17. an outrageous word usage implying that only perverts love children (10 or 11)
18. option the plastic surgeon offers at the pre-op consultation (It’s in poor taste in public.) (4 4 4.)
19. tennis players (They need this one-word name like golfers have, despite the connotations.) (6|4)
20. armed conflict stirred up in underdeveloped countries for corporate gain (5 5 3)
21. She lost her virginity and then her lover. (hint: something of a pun) (3|6 7)
22. Add back the action word to a condensed sentence repeatedly. (2|4 5)
23. accommodation for the young dog who can’t afford a doghouse (3 4)
24. How do illiterates sign? I thought I had explained it to you. (3 1|5)
25. come down heavy on the burglar’s middleman (or not) (3 2 3 5)
26. the maximum number of citations allowed in a story (5)
27. three short blacks who take H and talk a lot (4, 4, 4)
28. the very worst, not better than anything (6 4 7)
29. the invoice for cleaning a ship’s exterior (8 4)
30. something for firing up tennis players (5)
31. a loud heartbeat (In Venice?) (5 2 5)
32. winning by superior mendacity (3|5)
33. ran a “mother” (anagram) (10)
34. a low in multifaceted (3-5)
35. a circumcised rabbit (5)
36. kiss’n make-up (3|5)