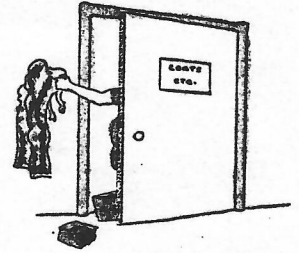




Mr. Noe's only fault is his appetite. He simply eats too much, and that has dramatic repercussions on the softball field. The combination of overeating and pitching too enthusiastically, results in Mr. Noe ripping his pants during a game. His embarrassment is compounded when the boys in the class have to escort him to the Home Ec. Room where the teacher sews up his trousers.



The end of the story sees a class that cares so much for their teacher that some students actually consider trying to flunk so they can stay with Mr. Noe another year. In order to show their appreciation, however, they decide to present Mr. Noe with a trophy that is made from a softball and the needle and thread that was used to repair his pants.



I have aimed this story at the third to sixth grade reader, although I believe it can be simplified so that a younger child also is entertained. I know that I originally told the story to my own children when they were four, and they thought the story was great. Basically, the story's ripped pants appeal to the "prurient interests" of children of any age.

If you have an interest in seeing the entire manuscript and more illustrations, I would be pleased to know.

Sincerely,

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