

EXCRUCIATING ENGLISH (part 1)

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office:

We take your bags and send them in all directions.

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest:

It is strictly forbidden on this campsite that people of different sex, for instance men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

In a hotel in Athens:

Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11am daily.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel opposite a Russian Orthodox cemetery:

You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursdays.

In a Rome laundry (where else?):

Ladies, please to leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

In a Visby restaurant menu:

Grilled shrimps cooked on spit

In a Zurich hotel:

Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby is used for this purpose.

On the menu of a Polish hotel:

Salad's a firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country fashion.

In a Norwegian cocktail lounge:

Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar.

In a hotel in Finland:

In case of fire, please stuff a towel under the door and expose yourself at the window.