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I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine or feline attendance is not required.



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Hockey Schmockey

by Alan Jay

I've always felt that you should try to see all things before you die.
To visit where you want to go; to find out things that you don't know.

To investigate life's mysteries; to research exotic histories.

To find new things you'd like to do; to experience whatever's new.

So I was ready when I was told that, if I didn't mind the cold,
there was something I should see that would be very new to me.

It involved skating on the ice, so bundle warmly was the advice.
And that is how, with good intent, I watched a hockey tournament.

Almost at once I got a shock, when I saw a "body block".

From the start, it seemed to me, the umpire (or the referee)
allowed violence of every kind (occasionally deaf, as well as blind).

He wasn't there to safeguard rights - just to referee the fights.

As for the players, I realize, they come in every shape and size.
Clad in armour beneath the shirt, no wonder none of them get hurt.
(Some are very little boys - they're the ones who make most noise).

There are rules, I was assured, but most of them are just ignored.
I came away in a confused daze, wondering how this hockey craze
came to be what everyone sees as harmless and lot of fun.

"But its safe," supporters claim, "After all , it's just a game."

But its not a game: not any more; it has become a sporting war.

"It's good for kids - it makes them tough."

But does it have to be so rough?

(The game must lose a lot of charm for a kid with a broken arm).
There must be other games quite near (without the cost of all that gear).

Pastimes of a gentler kind - country dancing comes to mind.

But I doubt that few would go for cowboy hats and dozey-doh.

But something causing much less stress - battleships, or maybe chess?
But reality is that most would rather follow the teachings of their father.

(If I had followed mine, I'd be a cabin boy - far out to sea!)

*"Sometimes
people ask, 'Are
hockey fights for
real?' I say, 'If they
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