



# THE WIT COLLECTION: ART HISTORY JOKES 2

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Dr. Mark Stocker continues his merriment this month, with just a few more arty(?), artsy(?) jokes. Here he is, then, thrumming his wit for Thalia...

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What was Angelica Kauffmann's advertising slogan?... **Put the Madam into Adam!**

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Which fin-de-siècle German artist is especially admired for his tenacity?... **Max Klinger.**

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What is the name of the lovely new bathroom in Wardour Castle designed by the son of Sir Terence Conran?... **Jasper's John.**

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What did the unemployed 19th century French art historian say when she landed a job at the zoo?... **"Je suis pleine de Bonheur!"**

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Scene: The pearly gates of heaven...

**The late David Watkin:** You're a very fetching guardian angel, but I have to tell you I observe a solecism in that portico.

**Angel:** Sorry Dave, our quota of architectural historians of the classical tradition is full. On yer bike!

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**Exhibition installer:** I'm looking for a painter who will enhance the red tints of this wall.

**Curator:** Use Henner!

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A well-known and obliging late Victorian architect would tell his clients:

"Shaw will do! But by George it won't be bad. You could always go to the Webb site, and if you need an indoor pool, there's obviously Waterhouse!"

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What was John Bratby's response to the impact of Abstract Expressionism?... **A sinking feeling.**



*Dr. Stocker describes this painting by John Bratby as "iconic" which makes us at The Postil slightly worried about his spiritual beliefs.*

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What is the name of the latest book on Bratby and the Kitchen Sinkers?...

**Life is a Lavatory, Old Chum.**

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John Bratby was a hugely popular artist throughout the UK, whose fame and acclaim stretched from Bogside, Londonderry to Looe, Cornwall.

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In order to laugh even more uproariously at Dr Stocker's jokes about John Bratby, find out more about this fascinating artist courtesy of the [Daily Mail](#).

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The [image](#) shows **La Clairvoyance**, by René Magritte, painted in 1936.

