Labor Day

**Adam invented love at first sight, one of the greatest labor-saving machines the world ever knew. *(Josh Billings, humorist)***

**Frank says to Ernest: “I was born on Labor Day. My birthstone is a grindstone.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day weekend. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**There is no labor a person does that is undignified, it they do it right. *(Bill Cosby)***

**A member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Peter McGuire, is credited for the idea for Labor Day. He organized a Labor Day parade in New York City on the first Monday of September in 1882. Labor Day became a national holiday in 1894 when Congress authorized it. Congress chose the first Monday in September for the annual holiday because that was the day of McGuire’s original Labor Day parade. *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 229)***

**Billy says to Jeffy while observing Dad sleeping on the sofa: “I think Daddy’s closed for Labor Day.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**In hard times, cultivate yourself. And you cannot lose your labor. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**An estimated 39 percent of employers kept their doors open on Labor Day and required employees to show up for work. *(Time.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 13, 2013)***

**Drive carefully. It’s true that a lot of things come to an end on Labor Day – but you don’t have to be among them. *(Bill Moiles, in Worcester, Mass., Telegram)***

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**One dog says to the other dog: “Labor Day! A holiday in honor of all working people. After she feeds me - I'll give her the rest of the day off.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**First man: “Isn’t today a holiday or something?” Second man: “Yeah, I think it’s Labor Day.” First man: “Really? I used to love holidays because I could stay home from work and goof off all day.” Second man: “Me too.” First man: “That’s the trouble with having nothing to do, you can’t stop and rest.” Second man: “I hear ya.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

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**One brother asks the other this question while working hard around the house doing chores: “Exactly how do we tell ‘Labor Day’ from any other day around here?” *(Country Woman magazine cartoon)***

**Intellectual labor tears a man out of society. A craft, on the other hand, leads him toward men. *(Franz Kafka)***

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**Today's greatest labor-saving device is tomorrow. *(Tom Wilson, Universal Press Syndicate)***

**There are a lot of great labor saving devices available today. However, it seems you have to work awfully hard so you can afford to buy them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**One of the great labor saving devices of the day is tomorrow. *(Vincent T. Foss)***

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**Manual labor to my father was not only good and decent for its own sake, but as he was given to saying, it straightened out one’s thoughts. *(Mary Ellen Chase)***

**Mom says to the neighbor lady: “I was sure motherhood would be hard work when it began with something called labor.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**If it was going to be easy to raise kids, it never would have started with something called labor. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Rest is the sweet sauce of labor. *(Plutarch)***

**Tomorrow is Labor Day, I suppose set by act of Congress. How Congress knew anything about labor is beyond me. *(Will Rogers)***

**Without labor nothing prospers. *(Sophocles)***

**After 24 hours of a complicated labor, our first baby was born. The next day my husband told a neighbor that he was tired after such a long day. “You? What about your wife?” the woman said. “I bet she’s exhausted!” “Yes,” he agreed, “but she got to lie down the whole time.” *(Stephanie Shelly, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Elmo: "I came by to wish you a Happy Lazy Day, Mr. B.!" Blondie: "Ha! That's cute, Elmo, but the holiday is actually called 'Labor Day'." Elmo: "Why? Nobody works! Everybody's at home chillaxing! There's not much labor." Moments later, after Elmo leaves the house, Blondie's wife comes into the room and says: "Happy Lazy Day, honey." Blondie answers his wife while sleeping on the couch: "Boy, that little guy sure gets around!" *(Dean Young and John Marshall, in Blondie comic strip)***

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