A Few Clever Riddles
With Answers

Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. What am I?
A ton.

He has married many women, but has never been married. Who is he?
A priest.

How are a jeweler and a jailer alike?
The jeweler sells watches and the jailer watches cells.

How many bricks does it take to complete a building made of brick?
Only one - the "last" one.

How many of each animal did Moses take on the ark?
Hint: Who?

How many times can you subtract the number 5 from 25?
Once. After the first calculation, you will be subtracting 5 from 20, then 5 from 15, and so on.

How much dirt is in a hole 4 feet deep and 2 feet wide?
There is no dirt in a hole.

I am used to bat with, yet I never get a hit. I am near a ball, yet it is never thrown. What am I?
Eyelashes.

I have a head like a cat. I have feet like at cat. But I am not a cat. What am I?
A kitten.

I know a word of letters three,
Add two and fewer there will be.
Few.

If a rooster laid a brown egg and a white egg, what kind of chicks would hatch?
None. Roosters don't lay eggs!

If an egg came floating down the Green River, where did it come from?
A chicken.

If there are fifteen crows on a fence and the farmer shoots a third of them, how many crows are left?
None. The rest of the crows flew away when they heard the gunshot.

If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
Nine.

If you have it, you want to share it. If you share it, you don't have it. What is it?
A secret.

If you were in a dark room with a candle, a woodstove, a match and a gas lamp which do you light first?
The match.
A barrel of water weighs 20 pounds. What must you add to it to make it weigh 12 pounds? 
Holes.

A farmer had seventeen sheep, all but nine died, how many did he have left? Nine.

A father's child, a mother's child, yet no one's son. 
A girl or daughter.

A man builds a house with all 4 sides facing south. A bear walks past the house. What color is the bear? 
White: the house is built directly on the North Pole.

A man drove all the way from New York to San Francisco only to discover at the end of the trip that he had a flat tire from the very start. Yet his car was completely unaffected by it? How is this possible? It was his spare tire that was flat.

A railroad crossing, look for the cars; Can you spell all that without any R's? All that.

A skin have I, more eyes than one. I can be very nice when I am done. What am I? A potato.

A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be so? They were two of a set of triplets.

Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth? Mount Everest.

Before the days of motor cars, a man rode into town on his horse. He arrived on Friday, spent three days in town and left on Friday. How is that possible? Hint: Can you guess the horse's name? Big as a biscuit, deep as a cup, Even a river can't fill it up. What is it? A kitchen strainer.

Can a man legally marry his widow's sister in the state of California? No, because he's dead.

Clara Clatter was born on December 27th, yet her birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible? She lives in the Southern Hemisphere, where the seasons are reversed.

Even if they are starving, natives living in the Arctic will never eat a penguin's egg. Why not? Penguins are native to Antarctica.