Looking on the bright side

There was once a foolish old man asleep in bed with his wife. He heard a noise in the garden. Thinking it was a burglar, he got out his bow and arrow and opened the window. He saw a ghostly white outline on the lawn and shot his arrow, and the figure disappeared. He returned to bed and fell asleep.

The next morning he went out into the garden to see what had happened. There in the mud, under the washing line, he saw his nightshirt pinned to the ground with the arrow. He picked them up and started to laugh.

His wife looked out from the window and saw her husband holding his torn gown and arrow.
"What are you laughing for you stupid old man?" she called. "You've torn your nightgown and it's covered in mud."
"No wife," laughed the man. "I'm so fortunate. Imagine what would have happened if I'd been in it!"