Figurative Language of O. Henry*

Directions: Read each example and write which technique is being used on the line.

Answers: alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, or understatement.

1. Arrest seemed but a rosy dream.

2. I went out and caught that boy and shook him until his freckles rattled.

3. Coyotes yelped.

4. There was a town down there, as flat as a flannel-cake

5. Two of the valorous volunteers waited, concealed by beer barrels.

6. Jeff Peters has been engaged in as many schemes for making money as there are recipes for cooking rice in Charleston, South Carolina.

7. He was making internal noises that would have had everybody in San Francisco hiking for the parks.

8. It was considered an improper act to shoot the bride and groom at a wedding.

9. The soul of the man showed itself for a moment like an evil face in the window of a reputable house.

10. Light as a cork, he was kept bobbing along by the human tide.

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