Yes, TB can be fun. To prove it, the National Tuberculosis Association sponsored a cartoon drawing contest. The cartoons were drawn by TB patients relating their experiences at the sanatorium. The winning cartoons were published in 1947 in the following booklet:
In many an American tuberculosis sanatorium patients with a little drawing talent and a lot of humor are helping others to find the funny spots in their hospital experience. To encourage this kind of morale-building the National Tuberculosis Association conducted a Cartoon Contest open only to patients. The judges, who were professional cartoonists, thought highly of the entries from which a selection was made for this booklet.

The cartoon used for the cover was drawn by Albert Leonidau Creutz, Waverly Hills Sanatorium, Waverly Hills, Kentucky.

"Hello, Is This the Shangri-La Sanatorium?"
Winning Cartoon in Contest for Sanatorium Patients Sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Drawn by
Henry S. Itoi
Morningide Sanatorium
Seattle, Washington

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“He decided he’d have a short cure!”

Mary E. Albers
Pine Crest Sanatorium
Powers, Michigan

“Do you think we gave him too much pneumo?”

Mary E. Albers
Pine Crest Sanatorium
Powers, Michigan
YES THAT IS DR. WHIFFLETREE-HE CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD.

Albert Leonidas Cronk
Waverly Hills Sanatorium
Waverly Hills, Kentucky

"Give him another hundred — see what happens."
Carl Grauer
State Sanatorium
Hamburg, Pennsylvania
"Youse guys'll have to carry the load by yourselves. I just took my pneumo today."
John C. Lowe
Molly Stark Sanatorium
Canton, Ohio

"Pest... Don't you think we're carrying things a bit too far?"
Joe Esqueda Garcia
Berd Sanatorium
Ventura, California
The Musical Bed
Carl Gruber
State Sanatorium
Hamburg, Pennsylvania

The Habitual Complainer
Ivan William Colver
Wyoming State Tuberculosis Sanatorium
Basin, Wyoming
The Fearful Visitor  
John William Hallinan  
Grand View Hospital  
Ironwood, Michigan

Ivan William Calvo  
Wyoming State Tuberculosis Sanatorium  
Basin, Wyoming

"It was quite a disappointment—I had a chance to spend the winter in Alaska."

Catherine M. Stewart  
J. N. Adam Memorial Hospital  
Perrysburg, New York
"Are you hinting, Louis?"
Kenneth C. Miller
Walla Walla Veterans Hospital
Walla Walla, Washington

Oh Mrs. Johnson-
Step out here a moment please!

Albert Leonidas Crook
Waverly Hills Sanatorium
Waverly Hills, Kentucky
"That television station is setting in on our fluoroscope again."

Henry Ito
Morningside Sanatorium
Seattle, Washington

"Yes, madam will have breakfast in bed—again!"

Carl Graser
State Sanatorium
Hamburg, Pennsylvania
Post Graduate Work!
Beatrice A. Mattila
Copper County Sanatorium
Houghton, Michigan

Hubba, hubba!
John William Hollman
Grand View Hospital
Ironwood, Michigan
"She figures she has to subtract 10 from the pulse count and 2 from the temperature."

Ivan William Culver
Wyoming State Tuberculosis Sanatorium
Bain, Wyoming

"See Doc, I told ya my mattress is full uv stones."

Walter Bickoff
Fort Whipple Veterans Hospital
Whipple, Arizona
To new patient: "You might as well send your ear to sea, It may take longer than you think."
John William Hollman
Grand View Hospital
Ironwood, Michigan

"Oh, he feels better that way when he turns on the "Church of the Air."
Ivan William Culver
Wyoming State Tuberculosis Sanatorium
Basin, Wyoming
"Look, it's a Eudamus albafasciatus!"

Kenneth C. Muller
Walla Walla Veterans Hospital
Walla Walla, Washington
Weigh Day
Walter Bikoff
Fort Whipple Veterans Hospital
Whipple, Arizona
Going Home
John William Hollman
Grand View Hospital
Ironwood, Michigan