

1125-D5-2534 **Thomas Drucker*** (druckert@uww.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, 800 West Main Street, Whitewater, WI 53190. *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Foundations*. Preliminary report.

Bertrand Russell was one of the leading advocates of the need for a satisfactory foundation for mathematics in the early part of the twentieth century. He was also an entertaining writer and was careful to work humour into his presentations of logic and foundations for a general audience. Those who were inclined to take issue with some of Russell's efforts, e.g., Henri Poincare, sometimes resorted to satire in response. Perhaps the most extensive example of this was Philip E.B. Jourdain's 'The Philosophy of Mr. B*rt*nd R*ss*ll', which appeared in 1918. This talk looks at the way in which foundations has lent itself especially to humour among branches of research in mathematics. (Received September 20, 2016)