

MEN KICK ABOUT WEARING EVENING CLOTHES AT THE REQUIRED FUNCTIONS

Makes Cat and Dog Battles Between Husband and Wife --- At Community Concerts and National Council Lectures

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It isn't only the women who are perplexed by the ever-recurring question, "What shall I wear?" The men, too, have often to ask themselves the very same question. Of course the men don't have such a bewildering array of clothes to choose from, and they are very seldom guilty of that old cliché, "I have simply nothing to wear." No, their problem is somewhat different. For the men it is generally a question of "Shall I wear a tux or not?"

This question is a matter of grave annoyance to a great many men, perhaps I should say, to the great majority. The secret of the annoyance lies in the fact that most men dislike the rig and won't be seen in it if they can help it. This dislike for evening dress among men is a fairly widespread idea. It is only in the smaller centers, however, that the dislike approaches to a veritable hatred.

In the larger centers men wear the outfit whenever fashion prescribes it, grumbling perhaps, but nevertheless they wear it. Indeed, it comes to be a habit after a while, so that a man automatically puts on evening dress when he goes out at night to any kind of a social gathering. He gives no more thought to it than a man in Fredericton would give to the act of donning his best suit for a similar occasion. The point is that it is the accepted thing to do in the evening, and therefore it is done.

Now, your Fredericton man is invited to a mixed bridge, let us say. We will suppose he is married and that his wife is naturally included in the invitation. What happens? Wife accepts the invitation for both of them. If she is real thoughtful she will inquire at the time as to how many tables are to be in play. This inquiry is mainly for her own information, because there is a sort of an unwritten local ruling that five tables or over will require evening gowns for the lady guests. Whether there is really any sound basis for this rule or not does not matter now. It is accepted locally, and it is of local functions we are speaking.

Now, the amazing thing is this. If this rule applies to the ladies, why does it not likewise apply to the gentlemen and their tuxedos? (We will not consider full evening dress because it is all but obsolete in the smaller communities, and many of the larger.) Why is it that hubbie must dutifully inquire "Am I supposed to wear my tux?" hoping against hope that he will be told he need not. The usual answer he will get will be to the effect that since his wife has to wear evening dress she thinks it will look kind of funny if he does not wear it too. Then follows a cat and dog battle about the wearing of the tux until the evening of the party arrives. Talk about the "Wearin' of the Green." In

most homes it is the Wearin' of the Tux that threatens to drive husband and wife to the divorce court.

Both husband and wife are at fault in an incident of the kind described above. In the first place, if they are going to subscribe to the local riling about dress, it is necessary for the wife to tell her husband how many tables are to be in play, for him to know what he is to wear. There is no occasion for him to ask whether he shall wear his tux; he will know. And the thing for him to do is either to wear it or not to wear it, but for God's sake to shut up about it.

There is no law that can compel a man to wear evening dress to any function if he does not want to. No law, that is, beyond the dictates of fashion. He may suit himself whether he follows these dictates or not. There is just as much reason for a man to wear evening dress as for a woman to do so, and a man should wear it when he is accompanying a woman to any function at which she is wearing it. Not to do this is to mark himself as either ignorant or ill-bred.

Naturally there are some men who do not possess evening dress of any kind, but not so many who would be likely to be going out in any company where it would be worn. The astonishing thing is why so many men buy the outfit and then won't wear it, but spend all their time cursing it. Admittedly it isn't a very comfortable rig, and there ought to be some kind of dress reform for men, but still it is all we've got at the present time.

Recently some local men have begun to appear out at the Community Concerts in tuxedos. This is perfectly correct, but it would look better if they either all did it or else didn't do it. It is the lack of uniformity that spoils the thing. As I have already said, that is a characteristic of small centers. In a metropolitan area all the men would be in evening dress at such a function. But to be consistent these men who wear their tuxedos at a Community Concert should also wear them at a lecture of the National Council of Education, or any other public meeting of an educational or cultural nature. They would never think of doing so, however.

Men need some education in this matter of evening dress. I have never understood why a man should not feel as relieved at changing from the business suit he has worn all day as for a woman to change from the dress she has worn during the day. What man would like his wife to go out for the evening in his company arrayed in a house dress? But does he ever give a thought to how his wife may feel about him going out with her in his working clothes, so to speak?

Men would do well to be more independent in this matter of dress. If they don't want to put on evening dress, that's up to them. But at least they can know when they are supposed to wear it, and know that they will be correctly dressed if they do wear it. Never mind what the other fellow is wearing, and get rid of this asinine idea that a real man does not wear evening clothes. Some of the greatest men in history would no more have thought of not wearing their evening clothes when they were supposed to wear them, than they would of not wearing any clothes at all. If you appear at a function that calls for evening clothes, and you know that fact in advance (you can easily ascertain it) you are not proving either your independence or your virility. You are merely proving your ignorance or ill-breeding, by not wearing evening clothes.

OBSERVER.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Hostess at Drawing-room Tea

Mrs. W. J. Osborne was hostess at a charmingly arranged drawing-room tea yesterday afternoon at her home. Mrs. C. D. Richards presided over the tea-cups, the house being bright with late autumn flowers.

Mrs. E. J. Terry of Saint John was the week-end guest of her son, E. Douglas Terry and Mrs. Terry.

Lorn Britton of Hartland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas Terry.

Reception Held in Washington

In honor of Sir Herbert Marler, Canadian Minister to Washington, and Lady Marler, a largely attended reception was recently held by the Counselor of the Canadian Legation and Mrs. Merchant Mahoney, in Washington. Lady Marler, who is being welcomed there as another gracious diplomatic hostess, received with Mrs. Mahoney, and was wearing a gown of powder blue lace made with an Elizabethan collar, with which she wore a hat of matching blue felt. Mrs. Mahoney being gowned in Coronation blue velvet and wearing a corsage of gardenias. Members of the Canadian Legation who attended were Ronald Macdonnell, the third secretary, and Mrs. Macdonnell, Chas. Ritchie, and Miss Willa Magee of this city, who wore a frock of green with a small black hat.

Something Different

If you are looking for something different in the line of Christmas gifts, you will be sure to find such at the Cathedral Aid sale on Wednesday. A sandwich tea will be served. Don't miss it!

Comptroller-General Honored

A group of friends gathered, at the home of E. J. Cormier, Comptroller-General for the province of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Cormier and tendered the former a genuine surprise on the occasion of his birthday. The evening was spent in playing bridge, at the conclusion of which on behalf of those assembled, J. G. Robichaud presented Mr. Cormier with a box of cigars accompanied by the best wishes for many happy returns of the day. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. F. J. Poirier and Mr. Robichaud were the winners of the prizes at bridge.

In honor of the Toronto debutantes a Coronation dance is being held by the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on December 7. Those attending will wear either red, white or blue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McN. Steeves entertained informally at tea over the week-end at their residence in Saint John, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Palfrey.

St. Andrew's Sale

Annual sale and chicken salad tea at St. Andrew's church hall this afternoon from 4.30 o'clock until 6.30 o'clock. Christmas cooking and novelties for sale. Tea tickets, 35 cents.

A chicken salad tea will be served upstairs in St. Andrew's hall where the decorations will be St. Andrew's colors in keeping with the day. Downstairs the decorations are in keeping with the Christmas season and several booths including a fancy work table, home cooking table, and a candy table and novelties.

Timely Tunes Tied Up

Probably the most sought after items in radio these holiday months are songs which have a particular timely significance. Because of the radio ruling on both networks that at least two hours must elapse before a song may be repeated on a network programme, singers and orchestra leaders are rushing about pell mell to register their intention to present choice holiday numbers.

Last year, Kate Smith found herself unable to sing "Silent Night" for her Christmas programme because somebody had made an earlier reservation. So, as far back as December 28 of last year, Kate notified the network music department that she would feature "Silent Night" on her 1936 Christmas broadcast.

Andre Kostelanetz planned to present Kay Thompson and the chorus singing "Silent Night" on his December 25 broadcast as a special tribute to Mme. Schumann-Heink who died recently. He was just notified that this will be impossible because the selection had already been reserved.

G. Bennett Larson, astute producer of the Sunday night "Community Sing" broadcasts, has established his claim to "Jingle Bells" for the December 27 broadcast, and has just made reservations for "Easter Parade" for the Easter Sunday broadcast.

Guy Lombardo, to make certain that he will be able to play his theme song "Auld Lang Syne" in its entirety this New Year's Eve already has registered his intention of doing so.

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So children fling their playthings down and wrap Their robes about their fragile forms, and smile. And wait the mother-hand and evening croon; So men fling down their tasks upon the lap Of Times, Maternity and rest a while On Life's November sunlit afternoon. BRITTON STRANGWAYS.

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