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Of Interest to Women

NEVER SAY YES AND NEVER SAY NO  
TO THE DON JUAN IN YOUR OFFICE

It's One of the Basic Rules of Etiquette for the  
Business Girl Who Wants to Keep Her Job

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—Keep the boys in the office guessing, if you want to hold your job. Allow no office Romeo to reach first base, and laugh off the advances of your kiss-and-touch boss. For romance and a steady salary check don't usually come from the same source (until, that is, you are a wife instead of a working girl). That, according to Elizabeth Gregg MacGibbon, whose book on "Manners in Business" is being published today by Macmillan, is one of the important rules in office etiquette.

If the man at the next desk keeps urging you to come up to his apartment for a drink some evening after work, string him along, Mrs. MacGibbon suggests. Never say yes, but never say no. Say, "Wouldn't that be nice?" After a while he'll get discouraged.

**Be Mysterious**

You can spot an office masquerader by the nicknames he passes around. When he gets to the "Smithy" or "Jonesy" stage with you, beware. He's edging along close to the landslide. The trick with him is to keep strictly impersonal. To quote Mrs. MacGibbon, "If he says, 'Did you have a nice week end?' it is better to reply, 'Yes, thank you,' than to say, 'Oh, yes. Saturday night my boy friend and I went to the Casino.'" Get it? The idea is not to give him any chance to say, "How about going with me next Saturday night?"

On the same principle of keeping things impersonal, Mrs. MacGibbon thinks that drinks should be declined except on very special occasions when the whole office is celebrating a wedding or a holiday—and even then one is enough. She tells of a girl who imbibed too freely at a Christmas party and ended up by throwing her arms around the neck of the head bookkeeper and telling him that he was her secret sorrow. Things like that are very bad manners. Of course, if you really have a secret sorrow in the office, it's your hard luck.

Emotions between nine and five are out. Check your emotions in the cloak room when you go to work and pick your secret passions—or your avowed ones—from some other office.

**Just a Job**

The essence of Mrs. MacGibbon's rules of business behavior is this: A girl with a job is in the office to work and not to find a husband or to develop her libido.

Of course, she admits that a good business girl makes the best of all possible wives, and that a wife gets

all the breaks. And she does give a bit of advice on how a business girl should act after hours. She should suddenly turn helpless, Mrs. MacGibbon thinks. She should let her dates light her cigarettes, and move the chairs, around, and open doors, and pay the bills. She should never raise a finger, and sometimes it is just as well for her never to make an intelligent remark. That, Mrs. MacGibbon thinks, is the way men like their women. For a business girl it may be confusing. She must be able on the following morning to start opening doors for herself and opening windows for her boss. But then, what's a bit of confusion to an efficient girl?

**The Office**

To get back to the office. When the boss introduces you to his wife, stand up, even though you don't like her manners. When he introduces you to men who come into the office (which he shouldn't do unless you are going to work with them) don't stand up. Just say, "How do you do?" and then start poring over your work again. When the boss' wife asks you to match a piece of silk for her during her noon hour do it uncomplainingly and don't tell the boss. (A hard pill, dearie, but Mrs. MacGibbon thinks it will be good for you). If you are taking dictation and the boss gets a telephone call from his wife, make motions to leave the room . . . especially if it sounds like a post-breakfast fight. He may wave you back for protection, in which case obey him. The same rule holds good when one of the boss' family drops in for a spot of cash.

Be even tempered, but don't say "All right," whenever any one asks you to do something. Say "Certainly," or "Yes, Mr. Throttletop."

**Your Appearance**

Good looks, neat grooming and clean clothes are about 75 per cent of the battle, according to Mrs. MacGibbon. Anyhow, you should have a clean neck, clean hands, a healthy looking face even if you are feeling like a wet rag (this is done with rouge, honey), pulled up stockings, dark colored dresses and a shampoo every two weeks.

The idea of behaving so properly and dressing so neatly and colorlessly on the job may sound a bit depressing. If everybody wears navy blue or black, and everybody says, "Yes, Mr. Throttletop," and nobody ever throws a tantrum except the boss, things may become pretty dull around the office. But it's Mrs. MacGibbon's story of how to hang on to the pay check, and she's sticking to it.

SEEK TO CONSERVE  
CANADIAN LOBSTER

ST. ANDREWS, Jan. 14—Further research work towards conserving the lobster fishery is planned this year by the Biological Board of Canada, which maintains a station here. This will bring the lobster's life history and habits under closer scientific scrutiny.

In the value of Canada's fishing industry, lobsters rank second, salmon taking first place, and the study is particularly important to the Maritimes because the crustacea are found chiefly in waters of these three provinces. A small portion of the total Canadian catch is taken in Quebec waters.

For the last statistical year the Maritime catch was valued at \$3,306,879 while lobsters caught in all Canadian waters were worth about \$3,500,000. The Maritime catch by provinces was: Nova Scotia, \$1,884,715; New Brunswick, \$330,363, and Prince Edward Island, \$491,801.

The lobster fishery of Canada's Atlantic coast is said to be unquestionably the most important of its kind in the world. Dominion government scientists already have done useful work in the field of lobster study but a complete programme of research has yet to be undertaken. With the catch decreasing in the last few years the biological board decided to investigate the subject thoroughly during 1936.

If funds permit, two scientists will devote all their time to studying the lobster fishery and the crustacean's way of life. They will tour the various lobster fishing districts and utilize the three Maritime research centres of the board. These are the biological station at St. Andrews, the experimental station at Halifax, and the station at Ellerslie, P.E.I.

As the work proceeds it is expected to produce authoritative information regarding the activity which the fishery can stand without depletion. New steps in the interests of conservation are expected to result.

At least three-quarters of the Maritime lobster catch, according to statistics, is preserved in cans and competes with Russian and Japanese canned crab meat and crayfish. The balance of the catch is shipped in the shell mainly to the United States. The 25 per cent shipped in the shell is almost as high in money value as the 75 per cent canned. The number of canneries in the Maritimes was last reported as 278, with 329 representing the total for the Dominion.

An impetus in the movement of Maritime lobsters to United States markets is expected to result from the Canada-United States trade agreement. With reference to these shipments a paragraph in the report of the royal commission on price spreads and mass buying said:

"Live lobster shipments for the United States for the most part go forward on consignment, and as shipments are made over great stretches of the coast at the same time by individual fishermen, fishermen's co-operatives and coast buyers, there appears to be a need for these agencies to co-operate and so regulate or control shipments as to leave no room for unfair advantage being taken by consignees at Boston, the principal United States market to which shipments are made."

come accustomed to the mounties more at home in the automobile than on horseback. The mounties as a laboratory worker will be still more of a departure.

The second new field of endeavor would be a branch for the purpose of training the men in every phase of criminal detection. It would scarcely be an exaggeration to say that the whole force would have to go back to school under the recommendations of Sir James.

The recent affair at Pacific Junction may be regarded as an example of how the old methods may prove effective with promptness, care, keen observation and intelligent deductions. Here was a case just about as near as is likely to occur in a long settled province, like New Brunswick, to the situations which the Mounties were accustomed to deal in the old days on the prairies, the telltale marks through the fresh snow and the possibility of eliminating, by direct examination, every man or woman who was or was likely to have been within a mile or more of the crime. It was under such frontier conditions that the Mounties won their reputation for always getting their man.

In the involvements of life in the cities, especially centres as big as Toronto or Montreal, the problem is not as simple. The case before the Toronto courts, in which charges have been brought against a former Saint John boy, is an example of the cases where the solution may be found in the test tube of a properly equipped laboratory.—Moncton Transcript.

SPDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 14—Australia, which has built up a formidable air force, is now turning attention to coastal defense works. A contract has just been let to improve fortifications in the vicinity of Sydney. Officials, however, refuse to disclose any details.

MORGAN EARNING  
\$3 DAILY AT PROBE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14—J. P. Morgan, who handled billions of dollars in loans and commercial contracts during the war is entitled to \$3 a day for telling the story of those operations to the Senate munitions committee.

Thomas W. Lamont, a partner in the huge Morgan banking house, is entitled to the same amount as long as the investigation is in progress. Both are entitled to collect from the Government for their fare from New York to Washington and return.

Expenses of the large staff of accountants, attorneys and secretaries, which Morgan has housed in two wings of a swanky hotel must be paid by the company.

“DIAMOND” BEDS  
IN ROUYN AREA

ROUYN, Quebec, Jan. 14—What may prove a valuable contribution to mineral production in Quebec is the discovery by Ernest T. Gray, in the Township of Coleraine, Megantic County, of apple-green-colored, unnamable specimens, of glasslike appearance, weighing as high as eighteen carats, that will cut glass or tempered steel.

A representative of the Rochester, New York, Museum has taken samples for experimental work in an endeavor

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The Rochester expert hopes they may be new species of diamond. Gray, the discoverer, also reports having made several test shipments of chromium ore to several steel plants from the same area. He is now in Rouyn on another venture while awaiting reports on the new discoveries.

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