

# My Husband Is Always Tired He Disgraces Me Before Visitors

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How do you handle a slovenly husband? For example, the other night when we had visitors in, he settled himself on the sofa with his legs stretched wide apart, flung off his shoes, opened his belt, and remained like this for the evening. He claimed he was just tired, but he does similar things frequently. Can't one expect more of a healthy thirty-year-old man?

Yes, you can expect more of a thirty-year-old man but perhaps not of a thirty-year-old child.

Your helpmate hasn't grown up yet, and unless he does pretty soon, he'll be quite a mess by the time he gets to be forty-five or fifty.

Judging from the records of history, it has taken a long time to domesticate the human animal, and I suppose mankind will always retain some traces of the urge to revert to its primitive, uninhibited, carefree existence.

All nonsense aside, you do face a problem, and as I see it, it involves several factors. First, there is the element of laziness or sloth. In this case it is manifested in the habitual refusal to make the effort required to control rather simple physical drives.

"Being tired" is no excuse, for such fatigue, as everyone well knows, is a relative quality easily controlled by the normal adult and scarcely calling for a childish reversion to the search for uninhibited physical comfort.

Laziness uses many disguises—from playing sick to pretended overwork—but at heart it is always lack of self-control, lack of will to make the effort needed. In this connection it is enlightening to note that many of our basic rules of etiquette around the home—keeping one's elbows off the table while eating to personal cleanliness—are specifically designed to counteract our inherent tendency to avoid effort.

Oddly enough, lack of consideration and respect is fre-



quently manifested only within the family circle. Some people are models of decorum and politeness in public, yet act like slob in the intimacy of the home.

We brush aside lightly with the remark, "familiarity breeds contempt," though a little analysis would show that the root of the trouble lies much deeper.

Familiarity breeds contempt only when there is no real respect for the inherent dignity of the human person. Only if we recognize that every other person is made to the image and likeness of God, will we feel obliged to respect their dignity under all circumstances, whether in the home or in society.

Finally, your husband is obviously immature. Not only his conduct in the presence of guests, but his other behavior around the home indicates that he is still a child, not yet willing to assume the role of family head and father.

## Moslems Gain In Germany

Berlin — (RNS) — Germany has been selected to become the "stronghold" of Islam's missionary work in Europe, a prominent West German Protestant missions leader said here.

Professor George Vicedom of Nordstedtshaus, addressed 40 delegates to a study conference sponsored by the Association of Evangelical Missions Societies in Germany.

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## Military Chaplains Hold Meeting

Washington — (RNS) — These five Roman Catholics were among delegates attending the 34th annual convention of the Military Chaplains Association in Washington, D.C. From left to right are: Navy Reserve Chaplain (Vice Adm.) Maurice S. Sheehy of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Msgr. Robert J. Sherry, rector of St. Gregory seminary, Cincinnati, O.; Auxiliary Bishop Philip M. Hannan of Washington; Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, head of the Philippines delegation to the United Nations; and Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan, retired Army Chief of Chaplains.

## Faith Unity Up To Catholics

Chicago — (RNS) — It's up to Roman Catholics—not Protestants—to get the ball rolling for Christian unity, a noted Catholic priest and author declared here.

The Rev. George Tward, A.A., author of "The Catholic Approach to Protestantism," said "Christian reunion hangs as our responsibility." If the schisms of the Reformation have not been bridged after five centuries, he said, "this is our liability before God."

Father Tward appeared in the first of a series of talks on Christian unity sponsored by the Adult Education Centers of the Chicago archdiocese. He contended that "Protestants cannot consider it their urgent duty to join the unity of the Catholic Church unless they already accept the Catholic conception of unity."

WHEN REUNION is discussed, he added, Catholics usually take one of five attitudes toward Protestantism, only one of which, however—ecumenism—means respect for the beliefs "and even the errors" of others, because "these beliefs and errors are important" for others—the correct one.

Father Tward described the wrong attitudes as: Indifference, where the Protestant point of view is simply ignored; Over-earnestness, where Catholics are so bent on reunion that they understress important points of Catholic tradition; and Overzealousness for conversions.

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## Abp. Lucey

### Urges Vote For Housing

San Antonio — (NC) — A Catholic Committee for Public Housing has been organized here with the approval of Archbishop Robert E. Lucey to work for passage of a public housing project in a referendum on May 30.

The referendum was called by the San Antonio City Council. A petition gathered and presented by 2,300 local home builders to deny the local Housing Authority's request for 1,500 additional housing units made the referendum necessary.

Forming the issue one of "public morality," the Archbishop of San Antonio asked the Catholic committee to organize the Catholic laity in support of the Housing Authority's request for additional housing units in San Antonio. The prelate urged a telephone solicitation of all Catholics in the city.

"San Antonio and other cities are now preoccupied with juvenile and adult crime," the Archbishop said. "Saints may be needed in slacks and slanders but experience proves that assorted crimes and general lawlessness grow in slums. The last Federal census revealed that housing standards in our city were atrocious. Another census will soon be upon us. Do we wish to be disgraced again?"

## Priest Tells

### India's Needs

Washington — (NC) — The importance of technical assistance to India was cited here by a priest before a panel of experts on India.

"I am convinced that technical assistance is as important, if not more important, than capital assistance," said Father James Herza, S.J., assistant professor of economics at Georgetown University.

He said other major difficulties are the unavailability of skilled labor, lack of power, scarcity of raw materials, a shortage of transportation, and poor communications.

## Credo Returns To Cathedral

Uppsala — (NC) — The Association of Swedish Catholic University Students and Graduates will mark the feast of Sweden's patron saint on May 15 by singing the Credo in the Uppsala Protestant cathedral, which was once Catholic.

St. Erik IX, the patron saint, was acknowledged king in most parts of Sweden in 1150. He was martyred in 1161 when conspirators beheaded him.

The Uppsala cathedral, the largest one in Scandinavian countries, was built during Sweden's Catholic era. Its construction was started in 1287, but it was not consecrated until 1435.



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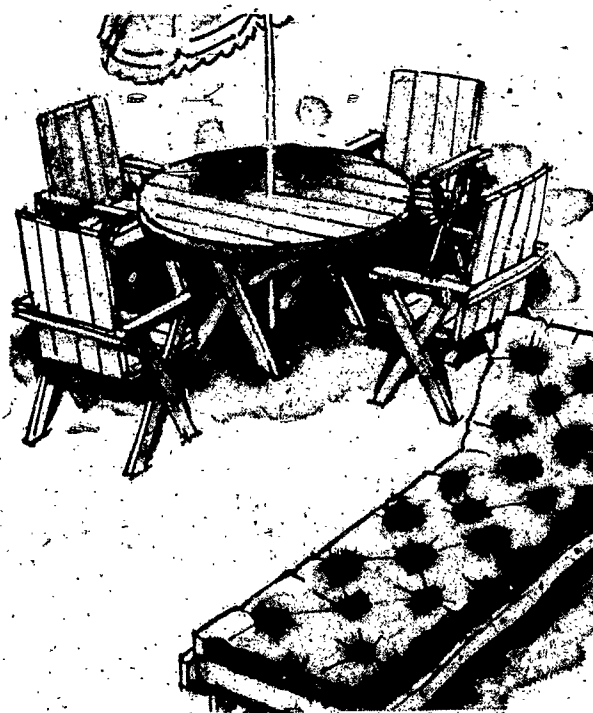
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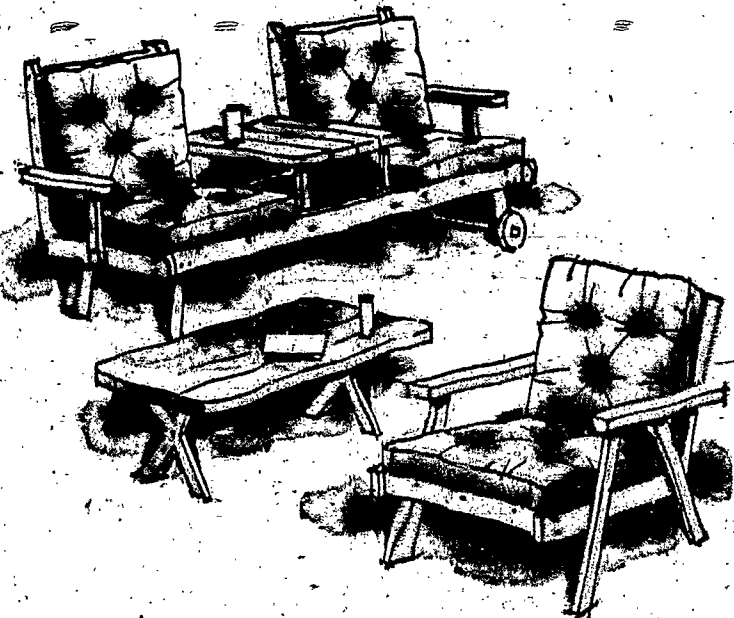
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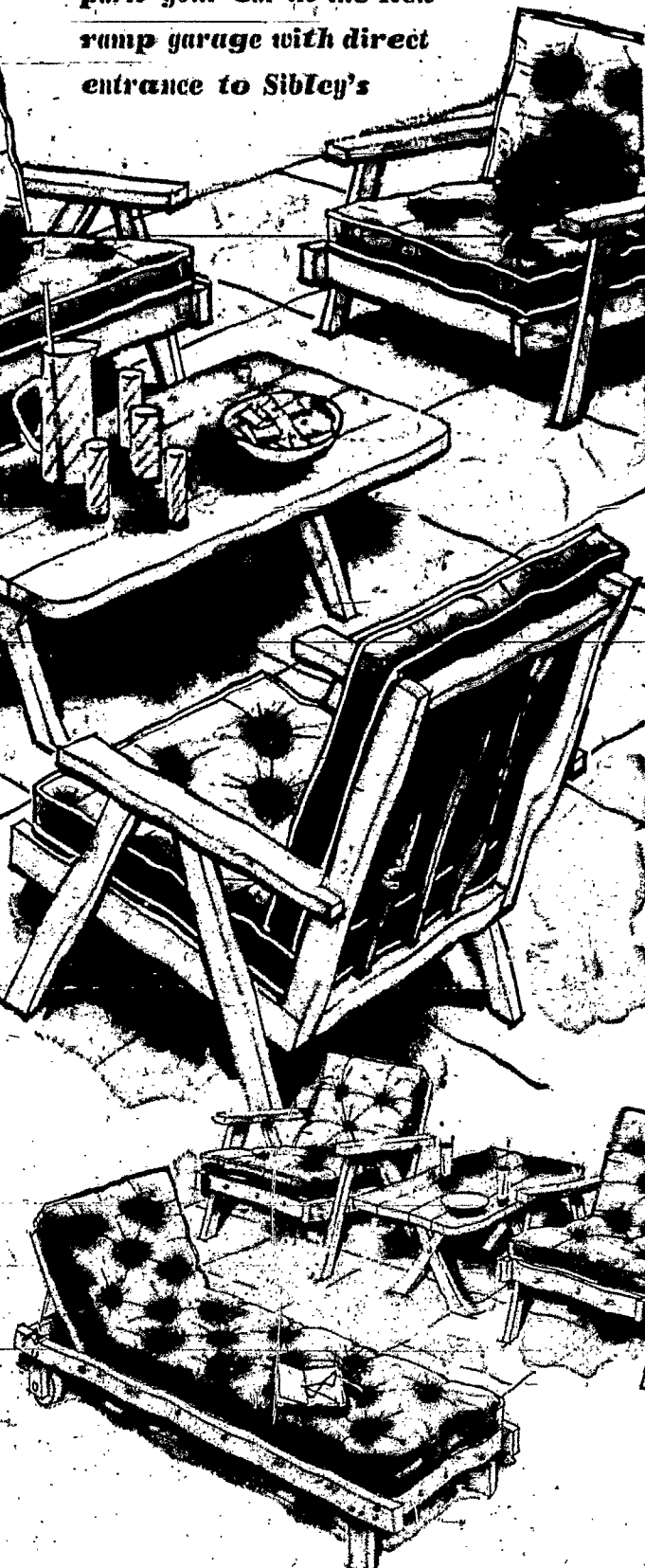
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