

Men I Have Known . . .

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(Significant excerpts from Bessie Leppert's soon-to-be published **Handbook for Young Ladies.**)

Women of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains! For in these troubled times of atomic power, when wars, molecules and men are running rampant, women, the sole antidote for men since time began, must assert themselves and vociferously denounce men and their unfounded foibles. Now this is safer said than done; for men possess one basic weapon which is very near incombustible; in a word, their sex. The horrid truth is, that with all the scientists' innovations, a substitute for gender has yet to be invented; and until it is, ladies, we must simply make the best of a bad situation. To help you in this stoical task, I have arranged the following material (gathered from my own personal experience) in pithy, outline form, and composed some of types, and subtypes, with typical comments on each. If this brief data can in any way aid you in analyzing your particular enigma, perhaps you will drop me a line and expound, as I myself am as prodigiously puzzled on all counts as ever. But enough of preliminary—now on with the facts!

I. The Frank-and-To-The Point Type

A. Multi-Flavor-Pie-Variety

- 1) "I'm completely infatuated with you tonight, but tomorrow, who can tell?"
- 2) "Why should I settle for strawberry pie when I can have cherry and blueberry too?"

(This variety might also be termed in less esoteric language as the "fickle variety.")

B. Affected Idiocyncrasies Variety

- 1) "I used to think you were a beast but you really have improved."
- 2) "After 3 well-spaced dates followed by 3 years of silence, and spoken loudly before a throng

who is acquainted with this fact — "Remember when we used to go around together? Wow!"

C. Farmer-Face Variety

This type invariably is a "big hulk of a boy," with a red, jovial face, rather large, insensitive ears, and an honest, clear-eyed expression. (Disarming at the onset.)

- 1) "I'm a sincere kind of a guy myself and I'm only sorry that you don't seem to trust me." "Are you married, pinned, going steady or carrying the torch? If not—"
- 2) Toward end of evening, states! "When I take a girl out I expect to do more than just talk."

II. The Inscrutable or Consciously Vague Type

A. The Studied Nonchalance Variety

- 1) "I think we like each other rather well, don't you?"
- 2) "Your hair is still as short as ever, isn't it?" "I guess it is." "Just wanted you to know I noticed."
- 3) "By the way (I hope you don't like flattery, but) I was rather proud of you last night."

III. The Nebulous or Vacillating Type

A. Bug-in-the-Head Variety

All but formally engaged to, when suddenly drops off acquaintanceship save a casual phone call occasionally to ask: "What have you been doing?" When questioned as to the meaning of his behavior, answers incredulously: "What are you talking about?"

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The Athletic Association will hold awards day in assembly Tuesday.

The hockey varsity and the winners of the ping pong, golf and archery tournaments will be announced. The new points system for Salem letters will be explained.

The Glee Club from Winston-Salem Teachers College will sing in assembly Thursday.

Christmas lists are now being sold by the Senior Class.

These lists, compiled by the seniors in South Hall, contain the names and addresses of all students, faculty members and staff of the college.

The price of each list is twenty cents. Lists may be purchased from Bennie Joe Michael, Marie Cameron, Rosalyn Fogel, Jo Ann Field, Ann Graham, Sis Honeycutt, Janet Weir, and Fay Stickney.

Christmas holidays will begin at 5 o'clock next Friday, December 15. Classes will resume at 9:25 a.m. on Thursday, January 4.

A student recital presented by the Salem College School of Music will be given Thursday, December 14 at 5 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The first part of the program will consist of piano, organ, violin, and vocal solos and ensembles. The latter part will be dedicated to Christmas music.

The annual Christmas Candle Tea is now being held in Brother's House, across from Salem Square. It will close tonight at 9 o'clock.

The tea and the showing of the Putz is under the sponsorship of the Home Church Woman's Auxiliary.

With further pressing of issue, replies:

- 1) "You've changed"
- 2) (brokenly) "I'm not good enough for you"
- 3) After passing of some weeks—
"I've got a bug in my head—can't you give me a little time?"

Then what? Character suddenly leaves town; no more word from same.

B. For-the-lack-of-Something-Better Variety

After several weeks of smoothly pleasant courting writes letter whose most important portion reads!

"I really think we better call this off; we certainly don't get along very well."

IV. The Uncouth Type

Chinese-Traditional Variety

- 1) No manners
 - a. Walks full ten feet in front of date
 - b. Does not open car door for date
 - c. Does not light cigarette for date unless requested, thereupon doing so with incredulity.
- 2) Wrestles untiringly
 - a. Shows prodigious irritation at lack of warmth (first date)
 - b. Remarks bitterly, "Have you no emotions?"

V. The Paragon-of-Virtue Type

- 1) Well-mannered
 - a. Pulls out chair for date (not too far)
 - b. Asks date's preference in

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