Not Popular?_Yet We Wonder Why ...

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(Last month took one through the Mannerses! morning classes. The Mannerses are a family of illmannered teenagers. It is now their lunch period.) LUNCH: He scrambles to get first in line and makes sure no one else is ever ahead of him. I just can't bring myself to describe his table manners: let me tell you, they were ---awful.

FOURTH PERIOD: After eating dinner, he has to eat candy on class.

FIFTH PERIOD: He yowns so that--well, he didn't cover his mouth, and you can imagine----

SIXTH PERIOD: He puts his head on his desk and drifts away to dreamland. After school he goes home and complains about what a dull sixth period teacher he has.

That night there is a ballgame. Thoughtless strolls in and gets someone else's seat. She boos the referee, and the opposing teams cheerleaders. When the game is over, she goes to the "Hangout". she jokes about the food and the service. Poor Manner-

ses, you see, are just bares, the type of people we have to put up with but rather they wouldn't be around. And the sad part is they don't realize their manners are losing them friends.

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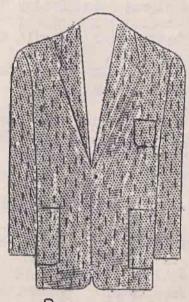


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