



It May Be the Woman That Needs Civilizing

by *Count Marco*

When I quoted George Meredith's statement that woman is the last animal on earth that will be civilized by man, the dams of indignation broke and the screams of a few selfish women were heard around the world.

One woman jumped up and down beating her drums, "Who but a woman encourages a man to shave, to speak softly, to avoid using coarse language and to refrain from acting like a monkey at a party after a few drinks?" Who indeed?

It isn't because of a woman that a man speaks softly, so don't rush out to take all the credit. Respect for others is not necessarily induced by the female sex,

but rather is brought about through appreciation of one's intelligence or accomplishments, male or female.

When it comes to shaving, a man's job has more to say about it than you. And as to making a monkey of himself at parties, it's usually to get attention because his wife doesn't give him any at home.

But now let's take a look at women without men. You see them every day. Take a good look and see for yourself. That one over there with the sloppy, spread-out figure.

And that one with the unwashed, stringy and matted hair. No man to call her own. Or that one with the unshined shoes, the pokey gait, the ankle socks.

There's another one, with unmatched, food-stained clothes. Of course they're without men, look how uncivilized they look.

So, instead of patting yourself on the back that you're self-sufficient, don't you believe it. Whenever that silly urge hits you, go to the nearest street corner and take a look.

As the sad, unmanned sacks stagger unhappily by, bless your lucky stars that there but for the grace of God go you. Then rush home and thank him for saving you. At least from yourself. Man will civilize you if it kills him. (Distributed by Chronicle Features.)

Garden Checklist

1. Deep watering is essential for most garden plants. Certain shallow rooted shrubs such as camellias and azaleas should not be soaked. Water more frequently, less deeply.
2. Spray gladiolus plants as they grow to ward off possible infestation by thrips.
3. Plant tuberous begonia seedlings this month. Transplant sprouted begonia tubers to pots and/or the garden when they have some three inches of top growth. Remember, the blooms face the same direction as leaves point.
4. Plant fuchsias this month. Pinch out the new growth to make plants bushy.
5. Feed your lawn once a month and it will be like the one "down the street" that you envy.

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Plans for the drainage facility, expected to siphon water from adjacent low spots, were prepared under direction of Los Angeles City Engineer Lyall A. Pardee. Flood control district personnel supervised construction and will operate and maintain the drain. Cost of the project was included in the \$225 million storm drain bond issue of 1958.

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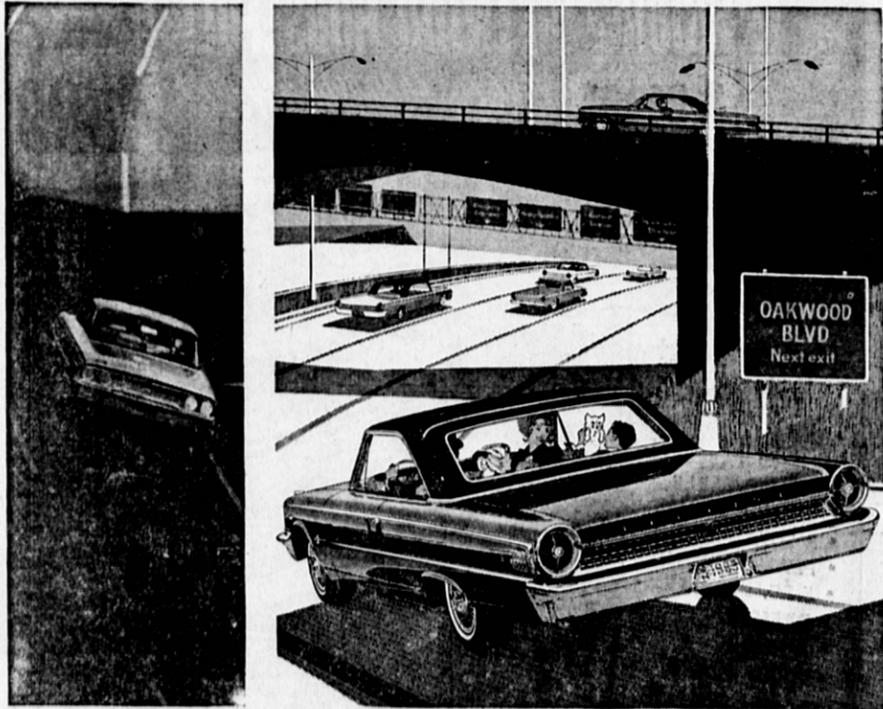
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