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# It's Not Really a Strip Joint

I've often feared that people who walk by our home, especially in the morning, will get the impression that they're passing by a burlesque house, because they're apt to overhear the shout, "Take it off!"

But there is a simple explanation — it's merely one of our dear children (and sometimes more) demanding that one of the other kids "TAKE OFF!" an article of clothing which does not belong to the wearer.

It matters not that the school bus is around the corner, or, in the younger kids' case the bell at the grammar school is due to ring, OFF must come the blouse, slip, sweater or even headband which was borrowed without permission from the owner.

And may I add that "getting permission" in this household is about as easy as Jimmy Valentine being handed the Hope diamond to "borrow for an evening."

What's difficult for me to understand is how they are able, without radar vision, to determine to whom the clothes belong. Because, as far as I'm concerned, if you've seen one pair of white gym socks or white woolen sweater, you've seen 'em all. Blouses, I can understand. The ones that are ironed are mine.

Inevitably a number of arguments have developed when both sides have claimed rightful ownership. That's why I thought of sewing on laundry tags, but I decided it was impractical, because the lettering would have to be easier to read than regular laundry markings. Something like a neon sign to light up, reading, "Stolen from the back of Elaine Daley."

The lone member of the family who never has to worry about his clothes being taken is, naturally, Brian, the only boy. However, he is not above borrowing from

his father, who is still several sizes larger. Thus, it's a practice I don't encourage, because not only is his father unhappy about not having a clean "T" shirt handy, but also I don't think it looks too neat for a boy to have underwear showing — below the cuffs of his trousers.

Still, what right has my husband to complain, considering the number of my belongings which disappear like objects in a magician's act? The trick being, on my part, to get them returned. Sometimes I end up "borrowing" my own clothes back.

I reminded my husband of this fact and added that I thought it was all part of Brian's "growing up" in his wanting to borrow, for example, his father's necktie as he did yesterday.

My husband conceded that I was probably right, but in rebuttal asked, "But for his kite?"  
Case dismissed.



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## Reforms Sought in New Mail Rate Legislation

Discrimination against residents of Torrance, who are now prohibited from mailing some parcels to certain other cities, would be ended by pending legislation endorsed by the National Association of Postmasters, acting Postmaster Carl L. Backlund said today.

Backlund noted that, under existing law, a person in Torrance can send a 73-inch parcel to San Martin, Calif., but can't send the same parcel to San Jose, Calif. A Torrance resident can send a 21-pound parcel to San Diego, but can't send the same parcel to San Francisco, he added.

James L. O'Toole, President of NAPUS, which represents more than 90 per cent of all the postmasters in the country, said the association is making "an all out fight" against size and weight restrictions which apply to parcels mailed here for any of the nation's first class or city post offices.

A BILL to reform the existing parcel post laws is now

pending before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Backlund explained that local residents — among 140 million Americans served by first class post offices — may not mail a parcel of more than 20 pounds or 72 inches in length and girth combined to any other first class post office more than 150 miles away.

Nor may they mail a parcel of more than 40 pounds or more than 72 inches to a first class post office that is less than 150 miles, he pointed out.

THE ASSOCIATION has thrown its weight behind legislation to raise the limit for all parcels mailed between first class offices to 40 pounds and 100 inches, regardless of distance.

"It is vital to the economy of the parcel post system which is now losing more than \$100 million annually, that this bill be enacted," O'Toole said.

The proposed legislation would yield about \$40 million as the result of liberalizing size and weight limits and the remainder would be realized through a rate increase of about 8 cents.

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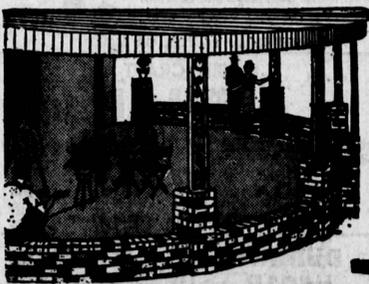
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