

MRS MILLS

SOLVES ALL YOUR PROBLEMS

WOOF TREATMENT

On a recent visit to my dentist to have a crown fitted, I was told that my gums resembled those of an American prairie dog. Is that a good or a bad thing?

LT, NORTH YORKSHIRE.

It depends on how much you want to bite the postman.

WANDERING HANDS

I have an acquaintance who hugs oddly. Withdrawing from the hug, he somehow manages to caress the sides of my stomach in an "up and down" motion. (This would not be an issue if I were not incredibly ticklish.) However, on mentioning the style of his hugs to mutual friends, I learnt that none of them had experienced any issues with his method. Should I tell the acquaintance that his technique is strange? I can't outrun him.

LO, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Next time he does it, your ticklish spasms should include an "involuntary" swift knee to the groin. Apologise profusely, of course, but his hands will cease to wander.

CASH IN

Currently I work in a bank. Unfortunately, one of the bank officials is a spinster who has accommodated a large section of the local community. Another colleague has two kids from relationships with two different men, born outside marriage. I have my suspicions about other members of staff. Should I look for alternative employment?

RK, ARMAGH

You are merely feeling left out. Before you become any more embittered, ask if they will let you join in with their fun. As you should know from working in the bank, just because you've made a couple of deposits, it doesn't mean you can't have another account somewhere else. (Although it is always wise to know about the facility for emergency withdrawal should the unforeseen occur.)

A DOCTOR WRITES...

As a general practitioner of some 20 years' standing, I have developed a sensitive approach to the various embarrassing complaints presented by patients, no matter what the condition or body part concerned. Recently, however, I was confronted by a young man wearing ludicrously striped trousers and an offensive T-shirt, who swaggered into the consulting room and declared without preamble: "My girlfriend says my sperm tastes funny." I was uncharacteristically disconcerted by his outburst, hence my reply was mumbled and vague and referred only to "further tests". How might I best have phrased a sensitive but probing inquiry?

DR JMR, CROYDON

I am slightly puzzled: why do you need to make further inquiries? Surely, as a doctor, you know what they were up to, or do you suspect that, unbeknown to you, there is some exotic cuisine extant in the Croydon area? It is, I believe, advisable for men who are likely to be in your patient's position to avoid too much fish in their diet for a couple of days beforehand. In addition, his girlfriend might like to try sucking on a Fisherman's Friend — not only would this numb her taste buds, it would also bring a healthy glow to her cheeks.

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What are you WEARING?

JOE HESKETH, 35, FROM PENDLE, LANCASHIRE

My usual look is "cleaning lady meets the Queen". I don't understand people who dress like everyone else — I mean, the fun they miss out on. Colour chaos makes me happy, so I like to clash my clothes with my make-up. I especially like the 1960s — everything was so bold yet so very simple and, of course, very bright. You can't beat the feel of old material, and I like the fact it has a past, another life.

My clothes are a mixture of vintage and charity finds and, in the case of the headscarf here, things I find. I don't buy designer fashion, but I love Jean Paul Gaultier and Vivienne Westwood — you can see it's all down to the fun.

You'll never catch someone else wearing the same clothes as me. My attitude is that if you don't push it, you'll never end up with an exciting ending. I get a lot of compliments on my clothes, but, hey, this is the north and some don't get it at all.

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