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**“Twinkle-Toes”**

by

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I should know better by now, yet I just keep opening myself up to jibes and jokes by sharing my everyday life with all you folk out there. Here I am, a struggling journalist, who only prints the truth... trying to open your eyes to new vistas and all I hear is laughter. So I had a pedicure... big deal... that's no excuse to make light of it and call me “twinkle toes” on the golf course in front of my macho friends. Hey, don't feel sorry for me... I can take it. I'm comfortable in my own skin. Just kidding, of course. Although I did receive a variety of comic statements about my trip to the Nails and Spa, I sensed an inner desire by some of those making them that they could experience it for themselves.

Hey guys, you might not know it but it would pay some of you to give in to those inner desires to try different things in your sartorial regimen, especially if you're trying to make an impression on those of the opposite gender. We should look at nature and take some hints on what we, as males, should be doing to attract those whose appreciation and attention we seek. Understand guys, if you're married the only one you should be trying to attract is your mate, however, if you're single and looking, this column's for you.

Reading a recent article in this paper I was reminded of the many birds who fly around us every day and how the male of the species are always the ones who are the glitziest and more colorful. For instance... the bright red male Cardinal vs. his female companions drab brown; the beautiful male Peacock who spreads his magnificently colored tail to attract a lady; and a recent study and experiment by scientists showed that by darkening the color of a wimpy male Barn Swallow's breast made them “chick magnets” leading to greater sexual involvement with the female species and even made their testosterone levels go up and their weight go down. So guys, believe it or not, if you want to be more attractive to your female opposites then put some color on and around you.

Hey... it matters what we look like. All you fellows out there for whom this next bit of advice is intended, please don't be insulted or want to kill the messenger, but early in my newly married life I was told several things that I just couldn't do because if I did the fashion police would be at my door to arrest me followed shortly thereafter by someone to serve me with my divorce papers. I hope you're ready to hear this because it could make a drastic but positive difference in your love life.

**No-No Number 1-** Never, never, never, wear socks with sandals. (Wait a minute Tom, it's okay to wear white socks.) Sorry, no socks, of any color with any kind of sandals. It just looks weird guys, I'm sorry, but I don't make the rules.

**No-No Number 2-** Never, wear black, over the calf, socks with Bermuda shorts, even if you're wearing black shorts. Even white socks over the calf are verboten so don't do it. The gals are laughing at us guys when we do, believe me.

**No-No Number 3-** Unless you are physically challenged and can't tie your shoes, never wear shoes, especially dress shoes, using Velcro straps to fasten them. (I will admit I own a pair of sandals that uses Velcro to tighten the fit but it's hardly noticeable therefore it's okay.)

**No-No Number 4-** Never, never, never, wear blue socks with black pants or vice versa. Now you gotta be careful here guys because you might put on black socks thinking you have on black pants, only to find out when you get outside, and its too late to change, that you have on Navy Blue pants. Life's a real bummer when that happens

Of course, there are many more little rules of dress I could relate here but until I master them myself I find it difficult to advise others to live by them. However, the above rules, as insignificant as they may seem, will make you so much more attractive in the eyes of those females in your life, or those whom you would like to have in your life.

By the way, many of the rules laid down by the opposite gender are subject to change at any time so don't bother to memorize them.

See you next week.

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