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### **“Men Are Just Happier People”**

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Wedding dress \$5000. Wedding Tux rental-\$100.  
Chocolate is just another snack.  
You can be President.

You can never be pregnant.  
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.  
Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your oyster.

You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
Same work, but more pay.  
Wrinkles add character.  
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.  
The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.  
New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.  
One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.  
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
You can open all your own jars.  
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.  
If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.  
You never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.  
The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.  
You can play with toys all your life.

Your belly usually hides your big hips.  
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.  
You can "do" your nails with a pocket knife.  
You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.  
You can do Christmas shopping on December 24 in 25 minutes.

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.  
If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla and Four-eyes.

#### EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

#### MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need... but it's on sale.

#### BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337.

A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

#### ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

#### FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

#### SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

#### MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

#### DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals..

#### NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

#### OFFSPRING

Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

No wonder men are happier!

*Vocabulary:*

**to expect** — ожидать

**tux rental** - аренда смокинга

**the world if your oyster** - весь мир к твоим услугам; весь мир - у ваших ног

**icky** ['ɪki] - противный, гнусный

**to turn a nut on a bolt** - закрутить гайку в болт

**occasional** [ə'keɪʒənəl] - периодический, возникающий время от времени

**to require** [rɪ'kwaɪə] - требовать

**big hips** - толстые ляжки

**concerning something** - касательно чего-либо

**to grow a mustache** [mə'stɑːʃ] - отрастить усы

**affectionately** [ə'fekʃənɪt] - ласково

**to deteriorate** [dɪ'tɪəriə,reɪt] - резко ухудшаться

**dentist appointment** - прием у стоматолога

**to be aware of something** - быть в курсе чего-либо, знать что-то