

The Famor's Wife

mans passion for pockers. Small Wonder They Lose Th ngs. The great fundamontal difrerence
between the modern woman and the
modert. man is this: that, whereas the ruiment of the molern woman
has no pockets at all, the ralment of
the modern a the modern man has nothing else.
Indeed, a man may be defined as
an animal with a pas an animal with a passlon for pockets.
If you were asked to say of hand
how many pocket you how many pockets you possess at a
kiven moment you would be stumpIt would be necessary to make out an faventory In the first place
there are at least five in your over coat. There are at least fivo more
in your lounge facket tour in your In your lounge jacket, four in your
waiatcoat, and four in your trousers. you have therefore, at least elghteen pockets.
Now, it ts absurd to say that any
man needs eighteen pockets. Why, it is almost a set of pigeon holes They ought to be numbered or let tered. Often a man loses his rail
way ticket. and after paying excess fare he finds it hidden in one of his
dozen and a haif pockets. There are few or us who do not suffer from ac
cumulations of old tetters, pald and inpald bills, bus and tram tickets, theatre vouchers and miscellaneous
odds and ends. from one sult of clothes to another for we are not happy without unnec
essary frazments essary fragments of paper.
As a rule, a smoker carries several boxes of matches in his pockets. It is easser to put a penny in a slot at
a raflway statlon and extract a new a rallway station and extract a new
box than to hunt throu$h$ layers of rockets for an old one. I once knew a man who carried an
amazing assortment of useless things amazing assortment of useless thing
in his pockets. He always had in his pockets. He atways had
lump of chatk, a plece of string.
small iver small twory inch rule, a penknite,
pencll hd \& palr of compasses. Dencil his x packet book he carried
In his pock
stamps, stleking phaster. telegraph forms and pins. Another man know always carries half a dozen
silver cigar cases shaped ilke torpegilver cigar cases shaped Nie
áos, with one clgar in each.
Some men bave a manta for Some men have a manfa for car
rying enurmous bunches of heys Tring enurmous bunches of hey
They do not use more than two of them every day but they are not
happy unless they have a key to
everythine everything they have ever owned.
When they lose thelr keys it is a
tragedy. I kometimes wonder why the chan-
cellor of the exchenuer does not m cense a pocket-tax. It would bring
is and enough revenue to pay for old-
is age pensions. It would be much
more proftrable than the anclent
wiutow more proftable than the anclent
wintow-tax. for men could ilve with-
out wladaws, but they could not pos silby exist without pockets.
a pocketless man would be mis-
erable. Try to imagine yourselves erablec. Try to tmasine yourselves
in clothes without pockets. The
tmation tmagination boggles at the thought
A cont without pockets wou'd be monstrosity, before whith a man would recoll in terror.
I suspect that the tallor is the I suapect that the tallor is t
first cause of pocketitis. He it
who forces us to submit to to first cause of pocksubst to the
who forcess us to submit
plague of pockets. 1 appeal to m fellow men to revolt against this sar
torial tyranay. Let us establish pocket Hmit. Fourteen pockets
pought to be enough for any sane ought to be enough for any: ${ }^{\text {san }}$,
man.-James Douglas in M. A. P.

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