Brothers and Sisters

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In-law Frank and Sophie have been visiting Bert and Rita. Frank is Rita's brother; that makes Sophie Frank's spouse de luxe, none other than Bert's sister-in-law, and so on down the line. Bert and Rita have been showing Frank and Sophie everything there is to show, from night clubs to municipal buildings, and naturally are a little bit tired after a full week. "I wouldn't mind," Rita complains, "if they were only a little more enthusiastic. They don't seem a bit impressed by anything." And Sophie confides to her husband in private, "I wouldn't mind their seeing us over and showing us all the old things we don't want to see if Rita won't say high to about it. You'd think she didn't even give us credit for open plumbing back home in Marquette!" However, the good-byes are very affectionate, and there's a lot of "Give my love to Pearl and Bob!" and all that.

Twin sisters. When Dorothy and Delight were seven their dear parents gave the famous Dolly sisters in a revue and realized at once the value of mass formation. So then and there she began dressing the twins, Dorothy and Delight, alike. It is very hard for friend or foe to tell the twins apart. Unless, of course, you get right up close in a strong light, and that makes the sisters just a wee bit nervous.

"All right, you tell the story, Marie!" Two sisters, even though they were a pair of deadlocks, couldn't make a mistake in public. If Eileen starts an anecdote, Marie wants to jump in and add something Eileen has forgotten, and so it goes.

The capable sister. Maud is usually referred to by friends and near relations as being a capable girl, which is a terrible attribute for anybody's sister to cultivate. "Let Maud do it; she does it so well," is the slogan of Maud's brothers and sisters. It would seem that Maud's sister, Gracie had the right idea when she said, "If I never learn to cook, then I never will have to!"

Twin sisters are not nearly as friendly to each other as are twin brothers. Twin sisters will eat out of each other's hands, as a rule, while twin brothers when not actually murdering each other are decidedly afeared of spirit.

Bride-in-law. Pity the pitiful plight of the sister by marriage to an only boy in a large family of devoted sisters. Four days after the wedding their new sister-in-law said, "Of course, I think you all baby Edward too much," which was the wrong thing to say, of course. Now the sisters accuse him of being cold, mercenary, and a poor housekeeper.

"Good heavens, Arthur, where did you learn to kiss a girl? I saw you, and my, didn't I wish I had my old Brownie camera! Is that the best you can do?"

The comic sister.