

"Make Yourself at Home!"

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"Are you *sure* I am not delaying your lunch? Are you *sure* you'd rather not have me go?" (Just a lady trying to look cordial, but not too cordial, around meal time, seeing that she's not going to ask her guest to eat with her.)



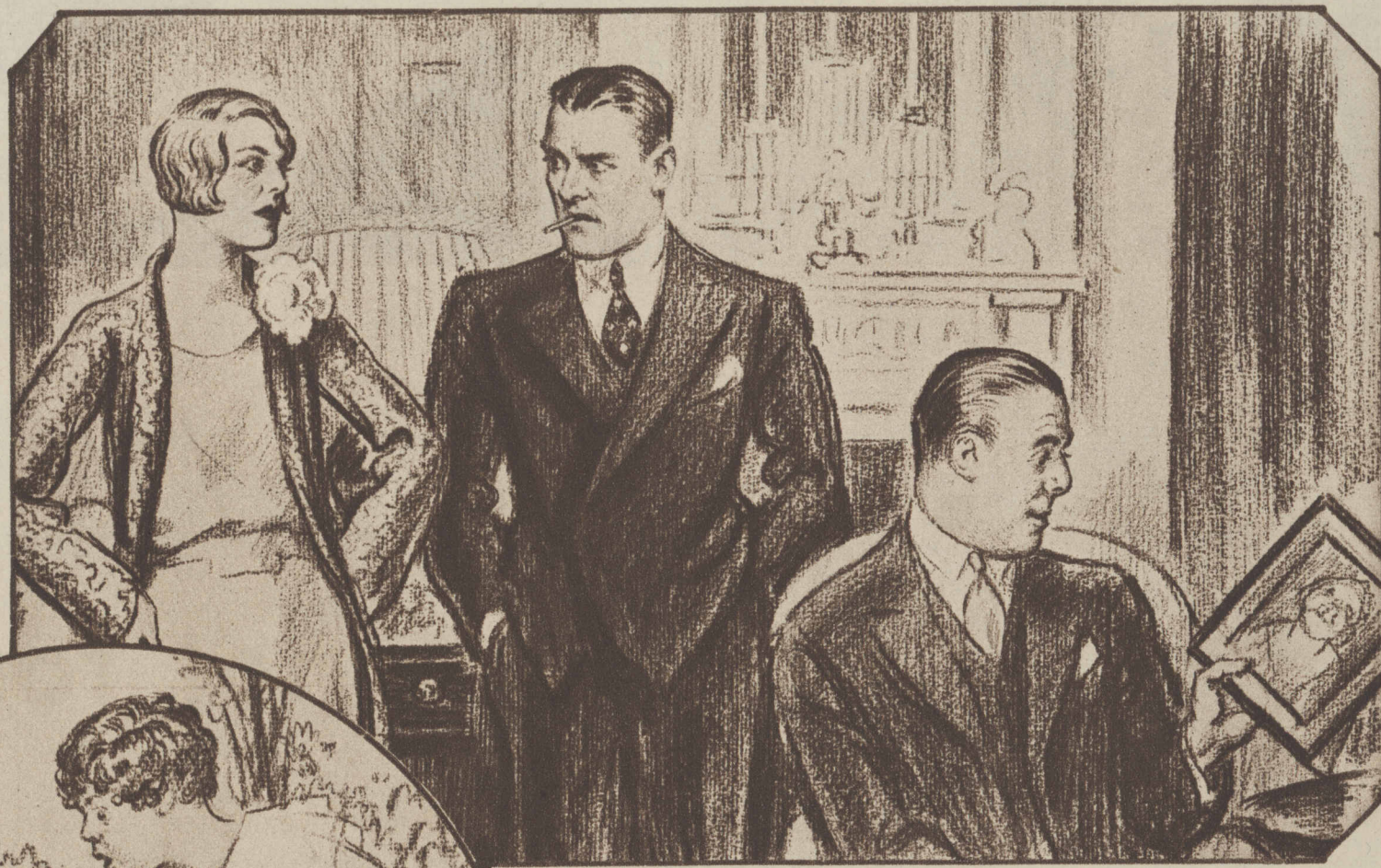
Just a lovely hostess relaxing and thereby making her friends feel they can be comfy, too.



Sometimes strangers in the home will be stiff and tongue-tied and ill at ease, which is a great trial to the hostess entertaining them. A few well shaken cocktails will do wonders for these people and will make for relaxation and comradeship. And after seven or eight Martinis the party will be just like one big family at home.



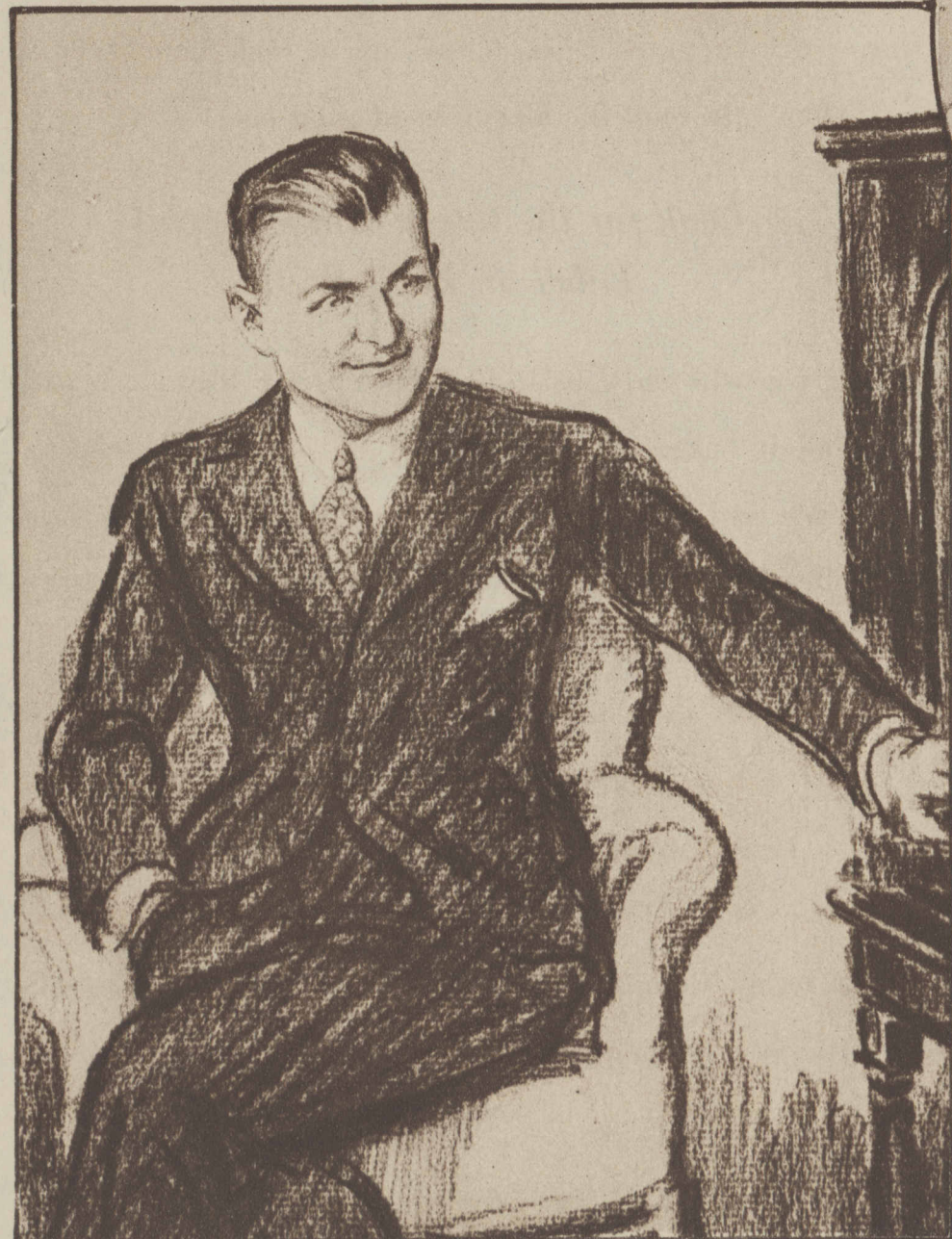
The young man who wanted to make a somewhat private telephone call has been urged by the hospitable host and hostess just to use the desk phone. "Don't go outside to phone; sit right down here and call up." And they are being quiet as two little mice while dearie on the other end of the wire asks Arthur why he seems so cold tonight!



Homelike surroundings make the guests feel at home, and a husband and wife who are perfectly natural, no matter who is around, create an intimate atmosphere. Precious is calling Lambkin boy all sorts of names and Lambkin boy is telling Precious a few choice bits about herself. The caller is pretending to admire a framed photo and will continue to do so, being loath to take sides.



Somebody's dear little elfin child, who loves animal life, making herself quite at home in a friend's flower bed.



A bashful boy will be right at home the moment he sights a strange radio and will begin at 500 and proceed to 1500 and back again. "Let's get 'Clara, Lou and Em,'" he'll suggest, "and see if Lou's let her refrigerator spill again!"



A bride loves to see her guests at home in her spick and span apartment provided nothing is scratched and no ashes are spilled. Watch her rush forward with the ash trays!



"O, so you've got a copy of 'Lady Chatterly's Lover'!" exclaimed Bob and Pearl, and they proceeded to make themselves perfectly at home in a strange house. Their hostess has about given up thoughts of a bridge game.