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Some insignificant weekend vignettes

Place: Tiny, packed waiting room of an ophthalmologist's office along Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

Time: Friday, 9:15 a.m.
Husband, about 60, in gruff voice heard throughout room: Well, why isn't he taking you? Your appointment was for 9. That's the problem with this racket — they stack you in and make you wait.

Wife, also in 60s, tries to act casual, shrugs.

Husband: What's the book you brought with you?

Wife whispers title, but so softly she cannot be overheard.

Husband, still full volume: What kind of stuff is in the book?

Wife again whispers.

Husband: Why do you read that kind of junk? With that the doctor calls the woman's name.

Husband, loud, grumpy: Gimme the book.

Place: Kroger store on Halstead Road in

Farmington.

Time: Saturday, 10 a.m.
Man to supervisor, who is working in glassed-in office: Do you have any Mother's Day cards?

Supervisor: Huh? (Looks confused. Long pause.) There's a rack of cards over there (pointing south).

Man smiles: Thanks.

A few minutes later he is seen entering express checkout lane. As he does, the man, waving two Mom's Day cards over his head, calls to supervisor: Hey, you've got some fine ones. (Another smile. She smiles back.) I thought you might like to know in case anyone else asked.

Linda, cashier, hammers keys: That will be \$1.20.

Man, reading name on her badge: Linda, here it is 10 o'clock and you're all smiles.

Linda looks up, grins.

Supervisor, calling over top of office cubicle: Sir, if there were more customers like you, our jobs certainly would be a lot more pleasant.

Place: Springdale golf course in Birmingham

Time: Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Four golfers sip soft drinks (nothing else available) after rousing nine holes.

Golfer No. 1: Say, what kind of golfer is Doug?

Golfer No. 2: Oh, he's quite good. He plays every Wednesday.

Golfer No. 3: Yeah, and every year he spends a week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., just playing golf.

Golfer No. 4: He did. (Pause.) Arlene will be deciding things like that from now on.

Note: It turns out that Doug and Arlene had just become engaged.

Place: Jamestown Apartments on Grand

River in Farmington

Time: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Grandmother and grandfather Riordan (my

wife and me) have a houseguest.

granddaughter Karen, age 3½.

Karen: I'm going to dress myself.

Grandmother: All right, but hurry, we're going to church.

Karen dashes into bedroom, returns: See, I'm dressed.

Granny: What about your nightie? It's under your dress.

Karen: Oh. (Dashes off.)

Granny: Hurry, dear.

Karen, quickly returning: I took off my nightie and put on my dress.

Granny: But you've got it on backwards.

Karen scrambles off, returns with dress on right way. Please zip me.

Scene changes to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Farmington. It now is about 10:30.

Karen is wiggling like typical pre-schooler. Suddenly grandmother is tugging down Karen's skirt.

Granny whispers to grandfather: She forgot to put on her pants.

Fadeout.

Ask the dentist

What to do after a full-mouth extraction

Q. I am about to have a full mouth extraction. What could I expect afterwards?

A.B.

A. Following the extraction of teeth, the wound in the jaw usually heals within a few days without complications. Your cooperation in following the instructions given by the dentist will help you avoid trouble.

Slow down your activity for several hours following an extraction. The purpose is to slow blood circulation, thereby reducing bleeding and helping a firm blood clot to form in the sockets.

Often some swelling develops in the face following extractions. This reaction is nothing to worry about, and it can be minimized or prevented by application of cold.

As soon as possible after an extraction, apply an



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ice bag or moist cloth wrung out with cold water to the affected area. Keep it in place for 15 minutes of each hour for several hours.

DON'T RINSE your mouth after the extraction until the following day. This is in order to let the blood clot remain undisturbed while it is solidifying.

After the first day, the mouth can be gently rinsed with warm salt water.

The salt solution is made by dissolving one-half teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water.

Routine but careful brushing of the remaining teeth should be continued the day following the extraction in order to keep the mouth clean and lessen the possibility of infections.

Actual bleeding should stop shortly after tooth removal. Some oozing or actual bleeding may continue for several hours or even persist into the next day. If much bleeding does occur, you may control it in the following way:

USE A CLEAN piece of gauze to wipe away gently the blood that may have collected in the area of the wound.

Then fold a clean piece of gauze into a pad of sufficient size so that when it is placed over the wound, the teeth can be tightly closed and firm pressure made by pressing the gauze with the teeth against the bleeding area.

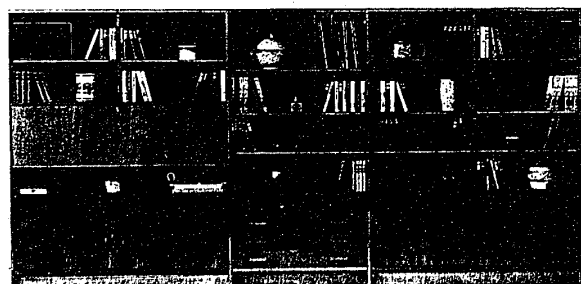
The pressure should be maintained for a half-hour and can be repeated, if necessary. When bleeding persists or occurs in considerable amount, however, consult the dentist.

Eating should continue without interruption. Make an effort not to miss a meal. Such nutritious foods as soft-boiled eggs, soups, custards and ground meat are recommended.

Most extractions are without complications. But if there are complications, consult your dentist immediately.

The writer is a retired dentist.

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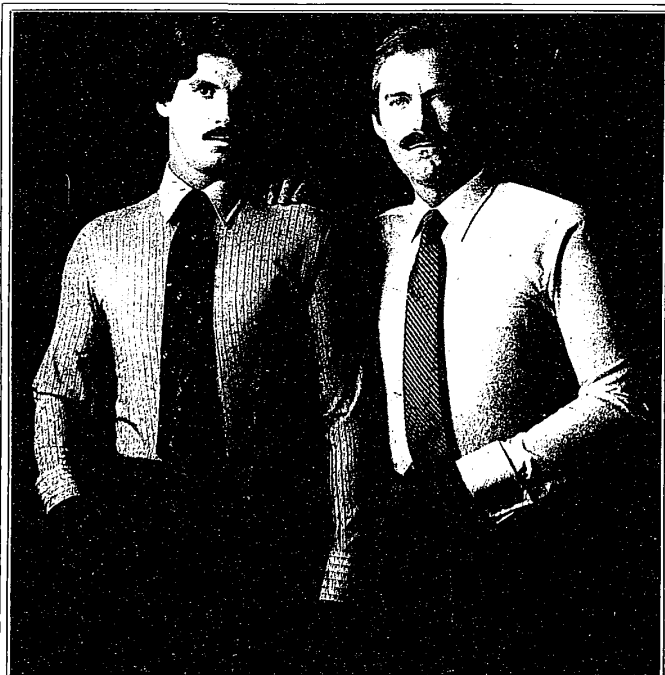
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Dior and Blass are in excellent shape this spring: in shirts and ties.

The shape is nicely tailored to a tapered line. As in these dress shirts, with their shaped collar and body line. Left: the collar is solid beige, and the body is blue striped cotton. In Bill Blass' version of 12-50, light white on white in a touch of color. Right: a Christian Dior at 20-50. Both are in pure cotton. We chose them with Blass' all time classic shirt at 11-50 and a shirt at 130 from a French collection for spring, shaped by Dior Blass, a sharp line. Right: a shirt and a very close cut shirt.

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