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If I remember correctly, I once said I didn't have a very good memory. Recently I realized that my memory isn't bad, it's just selective.

About two weeks ago (though it happens frequently) the simple scent trail of debris from door to bedroom became a continuous mound of shoes, newspapers, books, purses, baseball gear, laundry bags and, I discovered later, packaged food.

The last time I had seen the floor, either in the hallway or in any other part of my apartment, was something like May 20, though can't recall where I put the calendar.

Anyhow, living within that totally disorganized mess forced my

memory to work. With detailed recall, I knew in exactly what spot I had dropped my purse and in which room I had left my coat.

There was no doubt that under a week of newspapers, which were on top of a green dress, there was a pair of blue shoes.

I also knew that a pair of white earrings, which at first I couldn't find, had been placed in the closet in the box designated for thread. The earrings were there, but the thread wasn't.

Later, I remembered having moved the thread in one of my organizational efforts.

THERE WAS also, in the box, a bottle of unused but dried up nail polish—which I, of course, had forgotten about.

Though all this may seem more a testimonial to my housekeeping habits, it proves that in the face of disaster I can remember anything. Further, I can remember any disaster.

When a thunderstorm knocks out wires, I remember where the candles are. It's the matches I have trouble with. If my car runs out of gas, I remember that opening the tank to add pressure may give me a few more yards, if only I'd remembered to get gas in the first place.

I remember falling down, tripping, ripping seams and spilling coffee. I remember things that other people forget, like a Saturday night date or money owed.

I can't even recall being graceful, thin or leaving a crumbless placemat.

Nor can I recall things like times, dates, people, rent checks, phone bills and car payments. Even when the payment is remembered, the car payment book has been misplaced and a new search gets underway.

THE WORST, of course, is a memory lapse in the middle of a sentence. It's alright to forget

when you're alone and talking to yourself. With others, it is nothing short of a faux pas.

"Hello, this is Chris Walden and I'm calling about uh, about, well, uh."

The person on the other end does not provide clues, like who they are.

Nor do some sinister individuals (always with crystal memories) help when there is a face-to-face conversation, during which I can't put a name with the face. As I squirm, eyes rolled back or shut tight thinking, there whoever-he-is stands grinning and giving me no help whatsoever.

If there is any solace in wracking my brain to remember some things, it is that others do the same. I am forever being called names other than my own. My grandfather used to run through the entire family before remembering me. Even my mother calls me by my sister's name! If she can remember hers or in fact, to call.

One guy I know tapes a sillion notes to his desk, reminding him who to call and why. Another person has a household list of where things are.

Someone, whose name escapes me, once said the key to remembering is to organize material goods and assign key phrases to individuals. Both steps are easy enough, but remembering which key phrase goes with whom and where I put what (i.e. the thread) is only confusing.

Hence, I have decided that if I remind people that I can't remember maybe they'll remember to remind me... if they don't forget.

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Toward sex roles

Study reflects attitude change

American women are protesting discrimination. They are exposing companies with biased hiring practices and suing employers who pay them lower salaries than their male counterparts. And equal employment is just one target of the feminist movement.

Who is really behind this? A small band of middle class matrons and college students, as some observers insist? Or is the women's movement gaining support among

women of all ages, education levels and social backgrounds?

University of Michigan sociologist Karen Oppenheim Mason believes it is probably the latter case: at least, she has learned that women are steadily becoming more equalitarian in their attitudes toward sex roles.

"We looked at five national surveys taken between 1964 and 1974 and compared the women's responses on some 15 identical questions concerning sex roles," Prof. Mason explained.

Women are becoming gradually less insistent on the traditional male breadwinner-female homemaker roles, her data shows. And there is a strong, growing mandate for equal treatment in the labor market.

An increasing majority, for example, feel that "a woman should have exactly the same job opportunities as a man." Decreasing numbers predict that "if a woman works, her preschool child is likely to suffer."

SOME OF the most striking changes took place between surveys taken in 1970 and 1973, a brief but crucial period for a women's movement," Prof. Mason notes. For example, women feeling that "men should share the housework such as dishwashing and cleaning" increased from about half to over two-thirds. A similar proportion decided "women should be considered as seriously as men for jobs as executives, politicians or even President," and that "a woman can live a full and happy life without marrying."

Women's support for equal rights in the labor market has been strong for some time, Prof. Mason observed. "Equal pay for equal work" was endorsed by 95 per cent of those surveyed in 1970 and by 98 per cent three years later.

But there is still strong support for the traditional division of responsibilities within the family, Prof. Mason said. In 1970, eight out of 10 women held that "it is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family." In 1973, more than 60 per cent still agreed with that statement.

Prof. Mason attributes this to a widespread fear that preschool children will be harmed by maternal employment. Indeed, about half the respondents in 1970 and 1973 said they doubted that "a working mother could establish as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a non-working mother."

BEGUN IN 1973 under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, Prof. Mason's re-

search has involved a complex series of data comparisons. The major problem was that each study was done with a different group of people, ranging in size from 400 to 15,000, she explained.

"In order to make inferences about changes in sex role attitudes over time, we thus had to make the surveys as similar as possible. Since one was of women college graduates, we had to compare their responses with only the col-

lege graduates from the other surveys. Since another survey consisted of residents of three North Carolina cities, the comparison group was limited to non-farm women who lived in the south.

Thus, the U-M sociologist has compiled a "patchwork quilt" of data, all indicating "that many women—not just the leaders we read about in the papers—are changing their outlook toward men's and women's roles."

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