

Druella Acantha Malvina Continued.....

When the other fellow acts that way - he's ugly
 When you do, it's nerves.
 When he's set in his ways, he's obstinate;
 When you are, it's just firmness.
 When he doesn't like your friends, he's prejudiced.
 When you don't like his, you are simply showing good judgment of human nature.
 When he tries to be accommodating, he's polishing the apple;
 When you do it, your using tact.
 When he takes time to do things, he is dead slow;
 When you take ages, you are deliberate.
 When he picks flaws, he's cranky;
 When you do, you're discriminating.
 Pray for the grace to see your own faults before you look for faults in others.

A man walked into a bar and saw a friend dejectedly nursing a drink. "You look terrible," the man said.

"My mother died in November and left me \$10,000 the friend said. "Then in December my father died and left me \$20,000".
 "Gee, that's tough losing both parents in two months."

Then to top it off,"the friend continued. "my aunt died last month and left me \$50,000".
 "How sad!"
 "Tell me about it", the friend replied. "So far this month, nothing."

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worked for him and he did extensive carpentry, plumbing, electrical and other skilled trade work for himself.
 "Plumbing" he said once "Its very simple, its only gravity. The pipes have to run downhill and there you are."

It didn't help me much, but over the years I have tried more and more handyman type stuff with varying degrees of success, but always with a high level of frustration and the feeling that a conspiracy exists to make my life difficult.

I took on the task of installing a 5' base kitchen cabinet in our laundry room. I followed the instructions religiously - laid out all the parts and fasteners and all the tools needed on hand and commenced construction. At one stage it recommended that the so-far assembled unit be laid on its end and the next few steps be carried out in that position. Good - it worked - but the drawing for the next steps showed the unit back in a horizontal position. No explanation how to do it - just a warning to be careful lest you damage some of the fasteners holding the thing together. I asked her nibs to help me and it was the garden shed problem all over again, but now with two of us. The cabinet took on a life of its own with creaks and ripping sounds. At this point her nibs bailed out and we put the cabinet back in the vertical position. "Oh" she said. "I have to go to town now, I'll leave you to work it

out and I've already heard all those words before" and she left. With much difficulty and some minor damage I got it over. "See" she said on her return, "I knew you'd do it."

Just the other day we acquired this fancy slide-out bin for under the sink as I mentioned at the beginning. Almost everyone has at least one kitchen sink cupboard and perhaps several more bathroom vanities. Why can't someone make things that fit without major surgery, If you have a 10" space everything made is 11" or 12". well I got the track in, slide on the bin and....it hit the plumbing. "Oh, no problem" said her nibs "just cut off a bit of the top of the bin!!." So I did.

At the same time we acquired a glass shelf to put on the wall of the family room to hold one of our model boats. I looked over the instructions, clear and simple, assembled the tools and had her nibs pick the location and height which she marked on the wall. She, of course then left. Everything went well. My stud finder found the studs, the glass holder installed beautifully and exactly level, the glass fitted perfectly and I even changed the light switch to a dimmer to control the two halogen track lights that illuminate the shelf. Great. Not exactly. Her nibs, now says she thinks the shelf should be 1/2 an inch lower.

I won't change it because I think I may have found one of the gremlins that screw up my projects!!

- John A. Jackson