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Love of the Language

I am very fond of SWM. Not only do I find it entertaining I also think it is useful for English learning students as well. I always try to develop my vocabulary by reading all the articles. I also feel that the British Council page should be continued for new English Language learners. I feel that it would definitely increase SWM's popularity.

Zunaeed Shah
Dhaka

Would you Like to Ride on Your Own Ass?

Chintito should have looked around Dhaka city roadside shops more seriously before giving his verdict on rating our city in his article, "Would you like to ride on your own ass," in the 24th December 2004 issue of SWM. I remember seeing an interesting signboard of a tailor-shop on Elephant Road. The name of the shop, declares the signboard rather candidly, 'Clad Tailors'. How would Chintito react, if, on entering a tailor-shop, he found the 'master-cutter' and others sitting there unclad?

AZM Abdul Ali
Uttara, Dhaka

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On "The Battle of the Sexes"

I enjoyed reading the unique feature "The Battle of the Sexes" by Srabonti Narmeen Ali on the Dec 31st issue of SWM. In her article Srabonti paints a wonderful canvas where the battle of sexes rages on! On her getting together with a few friends during the marriage season they happen to encounter a snobbish male chauvinist who continuously speaks on the so-called frivolities of women, which ultimately ends up in a situation where he is subjected to ridicule. On dissecting this subtle and delicate issue Srabonti unfolds a crucial point that male chauvinists never make a commitment to women. At the same time she also makes the point that women are prone to succumb to the lure of marriage and commitment and are also responsible to the same degree for the predicament that so many young people find themselves in these days -- getting married for the wrong reasons and it ending in disaster. During the course in which the comments and events of the evening unfold, the writer remains invisible and at times appears to be much too cynical about the so-called culprit of the evening, the male chauvinist. This comes out even more when his cell phone rings and he makes a dash for the door to rush to pick his significant other up. A sorry state for the poor fellow involved in the Battle! Congrats, Srabonti and keep it up!

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