

DR. FORD'S PALINDROMIA

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Dr. Nemo W. Ford is not exactly at the forefront of human sexuality research in this country. Rather, his work is somewhat on the fringe of accepted practices and clinical techniques. With a 'Dr. of Women' degree from the University of Californication, he has investigated the intricacies of modern American sexual behavior for several years.

A strange man, Ford is obsessed with his work, and he insists on testing his theories firsthand with a bizarre mix of clinical techniques which frequently require his personal participation. His methods bear little relationship to the old-school scientific research principles and practices, and his applications are somewhat crude and vulgar, in keeping with today's more popular treatments of delicate topics in the print and visual media.

I first learned of the Doctor from my friend Tom Nobel, a freelance linguistics aficionado. Nobel, who was inspired by Richard Lederer's treatment of Doctor Rotcod in the book *Crazy English*, recently interviewed Nemo at his clinic. Dr. Ford, who is quite a wordsmith, chose to speak exclusively in palindromic expressions during the interview, as a demonstration of his amateur wordplay prowess.

Many people complain that there's too much gratuitous sex depicted in the media today. Do you agree?

No. Sex-aware era waxes on.

Yes, it is too true that sex is pervasive on TV, on radio, in newspapers. Sex-a-fone (no faxes).

Well, yes, in the 900 phone-sex numbers too, we suppose. How do you advise people on the subject of phone sex?

Dial 555-LAID.

Let's talk about your childhood. What life-shaping experiences did you have?

Mom was a whore. (Her!) Oh, was. Aw, mom...

Our condolences. Moving on to your adolescence, who was your first girlfriend?

Remarkable Elba Kramer.

Ah...why was she so remarkable?

No bra-garb on.

A liberated woman! And your next girlfriend?
Anal Lana.

With her, you had a tight relationship, no doubt.
Sex in anal site by me? My bet is Lana nixes.

Sorry. We assume then you mean she was quite meticulous by nature.
Anal kook, Lana!

Who was your third girlfriend?
Nella and Edna Allen.

...also your fourth, we see. And now to the present. Your wife Deborah has confided that your personal sex life is fulfilling. Can you tell us any tips for keeping your relationship alive?
Deb nixes sex in bed.

So, we take it you like to try different venues?
Hey, yeh!

What is the most bizarre clinical experience you've documented?
Sex of foxes.

We presume you mean the human female variety?
Sex of nine men in foxes!

Where do you conduct your research?
Ball lab.

We imagine you've come across many strange people in your practice. What was the craziest thing anyone ever told you?
"Ned, I am a nut for odor-of-tuna maiden."

Poor...uh...sole. What did you tell him?
"I had Ahi."

Let's talk about some popular topics involving sex. Some people believe abstinence is the best policy.
Fool! A fit penis is inept if aloof.

What about alcohol? How does drinking mix with sex?
Sex, ale relaxes.

That party must have been a real drunken orgy.
Regal lager.

What else happened there?
Ana nabs Bob's banana.

And what did Edna do?
Deb and Edna bed.

They're friends, I suppose. Moving on, what is your opinion of unprotected sex?

Risk, sir!

Is there a time during the day when one should abstain?

Sex at noon taxes.

Why, in particular, should sex at noon...

Sex at one: no taxes.

That's a funny play on words.

Sex at Russ's: surtaxes.

These jokes must be taxing your...er...patients. Have you ever studied the use of music as a sexual stimulus?

Sex as Hannah saxes.

Hmmm. Any other instruments?

Nag Rose's organ.

Noteworthy. What other orchestration can you recommend?

A butt tuba.

What about the use of sexual aids? Have you ever made a study of devices in your clinic?

Sex if Fay affixes.

Affixes what, we wonder?

One butt-tube, no?

Ow! We see the word 'butt' can be used in several ways.

Butt tub.

Oh, you mean a bidet. 'Butt' seems to come up often?

Tops G-spot!

Have you ever conducted research on homosexuality?

Ya gay?

Us? Oh, no, we were just wondering if you ever did clinical studies on homosexuality.

On homo too, Tom? Oh, no.

Have you ever studied cross-dressing?

Disrobe Deb or Sid.

We presume you couldn't tell the difference! Let's talk about some female medical issues. After all, you are a Dr. of Women. What are some common female problems you've witnessed?

Deb seeps gas and Edna sags, pees bed.

Edna again! Do older women have any special problems?

Gas. Boob-sag.

What about sexual dysfunction? What treatment do you use for correcting male sexual problems?

Stun nuts.

And women's?

Pit boob-tip.

Ouch! Surely that hurts.

Won't it, now?

Tell us something about your education at the University of Californiation. Did you graduate cum laude?

Much cum, much cum.

Would you care to elaborate on that?

Much cum was in Eve...even I saw much cum.

Continuing with our discussion of your work, we understand you've also received some notoriety as a University Hospital proctologist...

Campus motto: 'Bottoms up, Mac'.

...a messy business, proctology.

Amen, enema.

Changing the subject, how do you treat infectious sexual diseases?

Draw pus upward.

You've also studied premature ejaculation. To what do you attribute this phenomenon?

Emit not on time.

What can be done about it?

Emit now on time.

Hmmm, that's easy to say, but we've found, uh...well, never mind.

Pull up, pull up, pull up!

What do you like least about your everyday work?

Amoral anal aroma.

Sex is a smelly business, isn't it? Can one pick out one's mate by smell?

Alone, stiff inside bed, I sniff. It's Enola!

What did you smell exactly?

Enola's sensuousness alone.

Doctor, let's talk about your linguistic skills for a moment. We've noticed you speak exclusively in palindromic sentences. Here's our attempt: "He's got togs, eh?"

He's got on no togs, eh?

Ah, yes, that's even better. Here's another: "sexes".

'Sexes' sides-reversed is 'sexes'.

So it is. This discussion certainly has been enlightening, but our time is about up. We see you've made quite a career of the study of sex.

Did I dwell lewd? I did!

We must ask you, were you ever tempted by any of your patients?

Desire rised!

Understandably so. Ah, we think we've caught you in the incorrect use of the word 'rised'. Isn't 'risen' the correct word, which would invalidate your palindrome? In fact, may we suggest you can't correctly use the term 'rised' in a complete palindromic sentence?

Did I desire 'rised'? I did!

We concede. Uh...how many of your female patients have you seduced?

Pity, man! I gave not one vagina my tip!

Finally, speaking of palindromes, we've noticed the remarkable coincidence that your name reversed portends to your career.

Nemo W. Ford, Dr. of Women?

Nemo's omen.

And, finally, my name. What can you do with that?

'Tom Nobel' sides-reversed is 'le bon mot'.