

Lighter Side

My Gosh, What Have I Done?

The one room in our home that my wife is uncomfortable with is my office. She has never actually said that but I can tell from the obvious disdain with which she refers to it as “your office” and the way she always makes sure the door is closed if we have guests. Don’t let me give you the wrong idea; the office is well-laid-out and tastefully decorated with some very attractive outdoor artwork on the wall and stylish office furniture that my wife picked out. No, she is not dissatisfied with the physical room itself; it is my method of operation within the room with which she finds objection.

I have long been retired from a real job and my second career as a writer and business consultant allows me to set my own schedule while trying to keep several projects going at the same time. That in turn means I am constantly on the phone, on the Internet, poring through magazines and equipment catalogs or playing with a new hunting or archery product that I am reviewing for a current magazine article or using in an upcoming seminar program that I will be presenting. Because of my hectic and diverse project schedule, my office is normally stacked with magazines, technical data, reference material, photo disks, business cards, lists of telephone numbers and what seems like 10,000 Post-It notes. I would like you to believe that everything is well-organized, neat and orderly but that might not be the whole truth. My wife refers to my filing system as the “pile system” because I have piles of things everywhere. However, in my defense, I normally know where most things are and the only time I got in real trouble was when my wife thought she would help me by “straightening up” my office. I could not find anything for two weeks afterward.

Well, everything changed recently when I could not locate some important tax documents my accountant was asking for. To make matters worse, he didn’t see the humor when I told him I had flushed them down the commode because that is where the government normally puts my tax money, so I thought I would speed up the process and cut out the middleman. His cold stare and sour look told me I had better find the documents or a new accountant.

I did remember having the documents and I truly meant to file them but somehow, they got swallowed up in the mountain of paperwork stacked on my desk, the chairs, the table and even the floor. I knew it was time to clean up. My past attempts at getting organized always failed because I normally liked to sort things out first and organize later. This time, I took a different approach and decided my only salvation was to touch everything in my office once and do something with it: file it, shred it or throw it away. In the past, I had a tendency to place things I was not sure what to do with in a pile and resolve to make a decision later, which never



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seemed to happen. This time, I decided everything had to go somewhere and I was truly shocked at how much of what I thought was valuable information went directly into the trash.

I have a terrible habit of jotting partial notes down on scraps of paper with a phone number, which makes perfect sense at the time when I write them down but several weeks later, I find myself scratching my head as I try to recall what it all meant. I always think it must have been important because I wrote it down and I never have the courage to throw the scraps away. At one time, I considered calling all the numbers but I quickly realized it might

be best to let a sleeping dog lie. Aside from the partial notes, I found pages torn out of magazines with circles around some areas but I no longer had any idea why I had done that. I also had sales and food coupons that I never took advantage of paper-clipped together and I discovered most had expired six months to a year ago. I wonder if anyone collects expired coupons. The hunting and fishing magazines plus outdoor catalogs filled at least three large boxes and another box was overflowing with computer disks. Slowly, I could actually start to see the top of my desk and work table. My shredder overheated three times during the cleanup and I had to leave it to cool down for at least 30 minutes each time before it would start up again.

During the entire cleanup process, I found numerous items I had been looking for, like my scissors, a magnifying glass and my stapler. Actually, I found two staplers: the one I lost and the one I bought to replace the lost one, which I also could no longer find.

As I dragged the last huge bag of trash out the door, my wife stepped into the office and I heard her say, “This is beautiful; I am so proud of you!” I stopped and turned around, looking back into the office. It looked like something out of a Staples Office Catalog. The desk was clean and its wood top sparkling, with plenty of inviting working space. Reference books were neatly lined on shelves and all the drawers on the file cabinet could actually close. “Now, isn’t this better?” my wife said, grinning from ear to ear and looking an awful lot like a Martha Stewart who just finished icing a three layer double chocolate cake.

For a full minute, I stared at the room. Slowly, my stomach began to turn and I could feel cold beads of sweat break out on the back of my neck. I felt like Superman without a cape who just discovered someone put Kryptonite in his shorts. “My gosh,” I exclaimed, “What have I done? I’m ruined! I will never be able to find anything!”



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