

An AFFECTED PROVINCIAL'S SUPPLEMENTAL: *Moustache Grooming*

❖ No. 2: HOW TO GROOM YOUR LADYTICKLER ❖

(A rough guide.)

- 1.) After you shower, dry off but leave your moustache damp.
- 2.) Starting in the middle of your lip, apply a small amount (about the size of a pencil eraser) with your fingertip to the upper edge and use a comb to spread it down through the hair. (The Clubman wax includes a cheap comb/brush combination that's useful.) Work your way out to each end, applying more wax every quarter to half inch. If your moustache is wiry, don't be sparing with the wax. Break its spirit!
- 3.) After you've applied the wax, use your fingers to shape it--especially the ends--and to clump the hairs together. Don't try to achieve the final shape yet; while the hair and wax are still damp they're too soft to hold a shape, and continuing to try will just rub all the wax off onto your fingers. Your goal at this point is just to get the hairs to stay together, as parallel as possible. You can twist the ends to help them stay together, but don't twist hard or you could damage the hair shafts. If the wax dries too much before you get the hair to stay together, apply a tiny bit more to restore the pliability. When the hair is staying together reasonably well, wash off your fingers and get dressed.
- 4.) After about 10 to 15 minutes, the wax should have dried and become quite stiff. Now you can work at perfecting the shape. Don't try to comb it in this state--you'll pull the hair out. Apply just a tiny bit more wax to the ends to soften them up a little, but not so much that they come apart. Stroke the ends to draw the hairs parallel, and up into a curl if you want one. Keep nudging it into the desired shape until the wax stiffens again; it should only take a couple of minutes. Voila! For special occasions, if the ends won't quite stay together, you can clip the tips off, but don't do it often!
- 5.) Depending on the texture of your moustache, and the stiffness and quantity of wax you use, you may have to repeat this during the day at first. Over time, as your moustache grows longer, the more easily trained inner hair will grow out to the ends and your moustache will "learn" how you want it to grow. One day, as you're dressing your moustache, you'll notice that your handlebars are almost the right shape before you even apply wax, and that you're spending a lot less time grooming it than you used to. Congratulations--your handlebar moustache has arrived! At last you can put on your snood, and enjoy the peaceful sleep of the just.