

TO TIP, OR NOT TO TIP?

IT was suggested by "Scorpio" that tipping is unnecessary and undemocratic. I disagree strongly. Tipping is a compliment to the employee. Look at their side of it: if you were in their position you would be pleased to receive a tip, wouldn't you? I see nothing at all wrong with it.

**\$2 to Fay Harrison,
Wodonga, Vic.**

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THE practice of tipping will continue just as long as people keep on tipping. It just wouldn't occur to me to do so—not because I'm mean but because I'm in the habit of simply paying the price asked, whether at the hairdresser's or the grocer's. If people go out of their way to be helpful, I thank them warmly

ful, I thank them warmly or, if the occasion warrants it, later give them a small present. But I would not insult them with the offer of money. Extra favors in accordance with the size of tips would be a form of bribery.

\$2 to Mrs. K. Fritz, Bundaberg, Qld.

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TO realise just how different service can be, it is necessary to have worked at one of the places mentioned: hotel, restaurant, or hairdresser's. One person is sloppy, uninterested, and couldn't care less how they serve the customer. Another is helpful, cheerful, and does his or her best. Surely the latter deserves a tip — to show he or she is appreciated. However, not all customers bring forth the best in those who serve them. There is as big a difference in customers as there is in waitresses, etc.

\$2 to "One of Them" (name supplied), Salisbury, Qld.

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I BELIEVE that tipping is something we could well

something we could well do without in our society. On principal I never tip, and if I do happen to have "some loose change left over" I keep it and put it into a charity box, where it will do more good.

**\$2 to Mrs. A. N. Davis,
Lindisfarne, Tas.**

Flying object

A RECENT letter made reference to the mention of "unidentified flying objects" in the Bible. This reminded me that quite a stir was caused in our suburb about 35 years ago, when a strange flying "star" was sighted at night as it darted about and then swooped earthward. The explanation came days later — some enterprising youngsters had managed to attach a lighted lamp to their kite. My one and only sighting of a UFO.

**\$2 to "Starry Eyed"
(name supplied), West Bundaberg, Qld.**