

Unhappy in boy's clothes

I believe that Mrs Ducroix's nephew, Peter, described in her last Sunday's letter as wishing always to dress as a girl, can best be helped by treating his propensity with as much unconcern as possible, neither encouraging him nor putting obstacles in his way. He could be allowed to wear girl's clothes at his mother's discretion, but it should, of course, be explained to him that he will not be able to do so at school.

Peter may grow out of his propensity; if not, society may have become more tolerant of transvestism by the time he leaves school. It should be recognised that a transvestist cannot properly develop his social and creative faculties if he is prevented from playing the only role that he feels to be naturally his.

I can speak from experience, for as a small boy I wished to be a girl and to dress in girl's clothes. My parents punished me and packed me off to boarding-school. The result was a fearful, nervous, guilt-ridden, backward misfit.

At a comparatively late stage in life I adopted the feminine role and have been an active transvestist, whenever possible, for many years. The result now? A stable, hard-working personality.

I hope I may be allowed to add that I have an unblemished moral character, with no homosexual ten-

dencies, and believe myself to be a person of high ideals.

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