

Edith's office.

Caroline has returned to work after her honeymoon and is talking with Edith and John.

"So," asks Edith cautiously "at work would you prefer to be addressed as Mrs Appleby or as Ms Appleby."

"Mrs Appleby please."

"Right, I'll change the honorific in the personnel file."

"And could you change the record to display my married name rather than my maiden name please."

A pause.

"But they're both the same aren't they?"

"No ma'am, one is my married name and one is my maiden name."

A pause.

"Caroline, for the avoidance of doubt, are you asking me to delete 'Appleby' from the record and key 'Appleby' in its place, even though both are spelled with the same characters in the same order?"

"Yes please ma'am."

A pause.

Caroline leaves.

Edith looks at John.

"Am I really going to delete 'Appleby' from the record and key 'Appleby' in its place, even though both are spelled with the same characters in the same order?" asks Edith.

"Of course you are, because otherwise you will feel you've done a sloppy job, and if you do one sloppy job, then well"

"I might do another one", says Edith.

Edith gives John an old-fashioned look.

"Oh, that girl ..." opines Edith.

"That married lady", says John smiling.

"Oh, very well. Please stay and witness me doing it, just in case."

Edith opens the personnel file, deletes 'Appleby' from the record and keys 'Appleby' in its place.

"Thank you ma'am", says John.

Edith smiles.