

# *Let's Schmooze*

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## **Truly, the Walls have Prying eyes**

In 1837, Hans Christian Anderson, a world renowned writer of fairy tales and stories, published a story entitled *The Emperor's New Clothes*. In this tale, the Emperor honestly thought that he was parading around in a gorgeous brand-new suit custom-made by his new tailors.

However, in reality he was parading around butt-naked, and everybody around him only saw his birthday suit.

We're all at risk of sharing that Emperor's delusion and embarrassment, thinking that we're covered when actually we're stark naked.

Over the past years, there has been a lot of conversation regarding how our lives are getting less private, and more public. It's as if we are increasingly living in a glass house. Today, anyone can jump on the internet and pull up private information on anybody else. The internet, public gateway to massive databases, holds all sorts of information, and reveals that information to the nosey and unscrupulous inquirer.

Nobody is safe anymore.

Yet, today most of us feel that, in spite of this mortifying internet invasion of our privacy, our personal lives are still safe within our homes, within our bedrooms, and within our bathrooms.

Whoa! That's true no longer! It's "open hunting season" on our most private areas ~ our homes, bedrooms and bathrooms.

Guess what? Scientists have found a way to hide cameras in wallpaper ~ even in wallpaper that wraps itself around corners. And, the views that those cameras provide are super-clear, as if in high-definition.

If cameras can be hidden in wallpaper, they can also be hidden in anything equally thin, such as drapes, clothes, bed comforters, bed sheets, towels, etc. Can you imagine going to sleep at night in your once safe and secure bed ~ wondering if there's a camera hidden in your bed sheet studying your rear-end even as you slumber?

There's no more privacy. We're all at risk of being on the public stage 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

That's scary ~ it's something to think about. We'd better get used to it, and guard ourselves appropriately.

~ *'til we meet again* ~