

It was curtains for computer control

SOME 25 years ago I attended a computer club every week. It was interesting to learn from experts and very enjoyable discussing things with other members.

One evening, someone raised the subject of home improvement and said he had installed a digital thermometer to show the temperature of the hot water in their tank, useful if someone fancied a hot bath.

I said I had motorised the landing curtains as they were a bit awkward to move manually owing to their great length. All I had to do now was press a button.

Everyone was impressed with my novel idea except Arthur, who was regarded as the smartest of us all. He said he'd thought of that a long time ago and now had his curtains under voice control. That silenced us all while the computer lecture recommenced.

At the end, as we were all arranging to leave for the journey home, a friend of Arthur's came up to me and said he ought to correct something which might have been misunderstood about the curtains.

Arthur hadn't motorised his curtains, his voice control was simpler. He just called out what he wanted doing, opening or closing, and his wife would do it.

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- 1p 5 What is said about Arthur's invention in this text?
- A It was a device that did not work properly.
 - B It was an application of speech recognition.
 - C It was not an electronically operated system.
 - D It was superior to the writer's invention.
- 1p 6 Why did Mr Adey send this story to the newspaper?
- A to amuse readers of the paper with an anecdote
 - B to boast about his rather advanced computer skills
 - C to persuade others to learn more about computers
 - D to prove that simple technology often works best
 - E to show that men are helpless without their wives

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