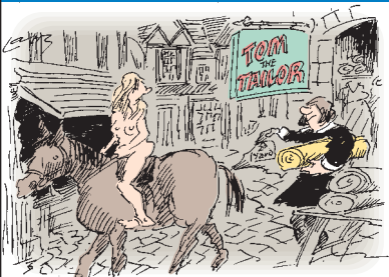


# Peeping Tom



One who furtively spies on things that are none of his business is known as a **Peeping Tom**. The original Tom was a

tailor in the 11th century, when Lady Godiva rode naked through Coventry.

She was the wife of Leofric, Earl of Mercia who, annoyed by her pleas to reduce the taxes of the townspeople, agreed to do so only if she rode naked through the town. This she did, much to Leofric's chagrin. By way of thanks, the good people of Coventry stayed at home, with their shutters closed. All except Tom the Tailor, who peeped. Legend has it that he was struck blind for his wickedness