

Coif-y Talk

■ When *GENERAL HOSPITAL*'s Alexis started masquerading as Englishman "Dobson," Digest's own Russell Patrick Latham pitched in to give the butler just the right look. Alexis and "Dobson's" portrayal, Nancy Lee Grahn, reports: "There were no wigs that worked, and Russell took two wigs home and spent seven hours making a wig that would work." On a recent visit to the set, Latham caught up with Grahn while the show's hair-and-makeup whizzes transformed the pretty woman into a man.



JEFF KATZ

Wishful Thinking: "I wish I could wake up with straight hair," admits GH's Nancy Lee Grahn (Alexis/"Dobson"), who describes her hair as curly and frizzy.

My hair looks so much better on this show than it does in real life! [GH hairstylist] Michael Anton is the master of my hair!

Digest: Any desire to change your hair?

Grahn: I wish I could wake up with straight hair, where it falls down sexy around my shoulders without looking like Bozo in the morning.

Digest: How do you wear your hair in real life?

Grahn: It's frightening how I wear my hair in real life! People are shocked when they see me, "Are you Alexis?" I don't spend a lot of time looking in the mirror.



TOM QUEALLY/ABC

Man, Oh, Man: False teeth and a realistic wig help the hair-and-makeup teams transform Grahn into "Dobson" the butler.

God knows, when you are at the studio, you have the monitors and the mirrors in your face all day and it's horrifying. I just pull my hair back in a ponytail, and I'm out the door.

Digest: Have you ever indulged in hair acting?

Grahn: I flick my hair all the time. You can always tell when I have a crush on someone. And I do, by the way, have a crush on someone here. But I'm not telling anyone.

Digest: You read it first right here in "Coif-y Talk"!

Grahn: And every time I am talking to this person, I start flipping my hair! Constantly flinging my hair back, and everyone here in the makeup room is laughing. I hear you all snickering and giggling! □

By **RUSSELL Patrick Latham**

Digest: What is it like playing "Dobson"?

Nancy Lee Grahn: I've become the man I've been looking for my whole life!

Digest: Do you find the externals of playing "Dobson" — i.e., the wig, facial

hair, etc. — helpful?

Grahn: Yes, absolutely ... Dobson is a piece of cake, no muss, no fuss. You slap on facial hair and a wig. I don't have to put any makeup on. It's a beautiful thing!

Digest: What's your real hair like?

Grahn: Curly, frizzy. Not straight at all. The hairdressers work up a sweat making it look straight.

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