

Negative Space

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It's hard being Mormon
and having nipples
Having hard nip-
ples, knowing
that they're
there under
clothing
Under
garments
One guy at
ZCMI had the
job—hard job
—of sanding off
every nipple of all
the store's mannequins

Mormon mind regards nipples
as purely negative space
including male nipples
Poor Tarzan's not-so-
comic strip at the
hands of an air-
brush censor at
the *DesNews*
left the Jungle
King nippleless,
defenseless and yes
strangely emasculated
during the mixed-up '60s
in the church newspaper's
nervously neutered funnies