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Miehet or Naiset?

In Finland as well as in any other new country that you are travelling to and, even still in the today's times of globalization you will find some different cultural, political or social aspects and customs. And it is indeed interesting and even helpful this way. So, when travelling in Finland it might make you wonder why a short hose with a small shower head is attached to the walls of so many private or public restrooms of hotels, clubs and guesthouses. Some "Non-Finns" could maybe think that this hose is much too short to take a shower. But it is supposed to serve another purpose. Instead of installing an additional bidet in a small toilet, it is this hand shower (Käsisuihku) which is being used here for your necessary special body care...

Many years ago, only the words Gentlemen or Ladies in the countries individual languages was attached with a sign to the doors of many public restrooms. Later then symbols were used sometimes, which in the most different types showed you the way to the right door. Naturally, in Finland you still will find some doors with the attached Finnish words *Miehet* or *Naiset*. And it might be good to know that *Miehet* stands for Gentlemen and *Naiset* for Ladies. Simply because the following question may arise for you very suddenly:



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