

IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO ADDRESS THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS THIS MINUTE, DO YOU? YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER! COME ON! I NEED YOU IN THE KITCHEN!

EVERYTIME I START IN TO ADDRESS THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS SOMETHING TURNS UP TO INTERRUPT ME.

I THINK I'LL DROP IN AND SEE MRS. WHEELER. I WON'T BE HOME UNTIL DINNER TIME.

NOW THAT I'M ALONE I'LL FINISH ADDRESSING THESE CARDS IF IT TAKES ALL AFTERNOON! THEN I'LL PUT STAMPS ON THEM AND SET THEM ASIDE UNTIL THE TIME COMES TO MAIL THEM.

THIS IS ONE YEAR THAT OUR CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL REACH OUR FRIENDS ON TIME. WE ORDERED OUR CARDS TOO LATE LAST YEAR AND OUR FRIENDS DIDN'T GET THEM UNTIL WAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

BUZZ-BZ-Z-Z
OH-NO! SOMEONE IS AT THE DOOR. WELL, WHOEVER IT IS CAN RING UNTIL THE COWS COME HOME. I DON'T INTEND TO BE INTERRUPTED BY CALLERS THIS AFTERNOON.

HUM-M: SUCH NERVE. FIRST THEY RING THE FRONT BELL, AND NOW THE BACK DOOR-BELL! SOME PEOPLE HAVE CRUST.

THE DOOR-BELL RINGS EVERY FIVE MINUTES AND I THINK IT'S THE SAME PARTY EVERY TIME.

WELL, I'VE FINISHED. NOW I'LL SEE IF THERE'S A CARD OR NOTE UNDER THE DOOR.

MAMA ???
YOU WEASEL! WERE YOU IN ALL THE TIME? I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE FOR THREE HOURS WAITING TO GET IN! MRS. WHEELER WASN'T IN SO I CAME HOME.

IT'S NOT NICE OF MAMA TO LOCK ME OUT JUST BECAUSE I KEPT HER WAITING OUTSIDE! I DIDN'T DO IT DELIBERATELY.



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Toots and Casper

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EXCITEMENT IS PARAMOUNT AT THE HOME OF TOOTS AND CASPER BECAUSE THE GREAT WOOFERTON DERBY WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK AND SPARE-RIBS IS ENTERED!

I BROUGHT SPARE-RIBS OUT HERE TO THE RACE-TRACK TO DO SOME PRACTICING, BUT I SEE OTHER RACING DOGS ARE HERE GOING THROUGH WORK-OUTS TOO! SHOOTING STAR, THE FAVORITE, IS OUT THERE AND SO IS COLONEL HOOFER'S DOG!

OH, WELL! WE WON'T LET THE OTHER MUTTS KEEP YOU OFF OF THE TRACK, SPARE-RIBS! COME ON NOW! LET'S SEE SOME SPEED!
PS-TI GO GET HIM, COLONEL!

HA-HA! ?

MY PUPPY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE IN PASSING SPARE-RIBS, EH, CASPER?

SAVE YOUR CHUCKLES UNTIL NEXT WEEK, COLONEL HOOFER! THAT DOESN'T MEAN A THING! SPARE-RIBS IS SAVING HIS ENERGY FOR THE BIG RACE.

SAY! FROM ALL THE HOT TIPS I GET IT LOOKS LIKE ALL 14 DOGS ARE GONNA FINISH FIRST!
HOOFER'S DOG, "THE COLONEL" IS FAST, AND IT WORRIES ME. IT JUST WOULDN'T DO FOR HIM TO WIN - COLONEL HOOFER IS TOO POMPUS AS IT IS!

LOOK! THERE'S SPARE-RIBS!
I HOPE SPARE-RIBS WINS!
DON'T YOU LET THAT HOOFER DOG BEAT YOU SPARE-RIBS!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DISAPPOINT YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS ARE YOU SPARE-RIBS?

LOOK AT ALL THE TELEGRAMS OF BEST WISHES FOR SPARE-RIBS TO WIN, CASPER! EVERYBODY IS EXCITED!

WHAT A PITY THAT SPARE-RIBS HASN'T AN EDUCATION, TOOTS! IF HE COULD ONLY READ THOSE TELEGRAMS IT WOULD ENCOURAGE HIM!

UNCLE EVERETT'S TELEGRAM IS FUNNY! HE SAYS TELL SPARE-RIBS TO BEAT COLONEL HOOFER'S DOG AT ANY COST.
UNCLE ABNER SAYS HE'LL BE LISTENING TO THE RACE OVER THE RADIO!

50,000 PEOPLE WILL BE IN THE GRAND STANDS - IT'LL BE BROADCAST OVER THE RADIO - NEWSPAPERS WILL GET OUT EXTRAS - MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE AWAITING THE RESULT! THINK OF IT! ARE YOU GOING TO LET HOOFER'S DOG SHOW YOU UP?

MY BRAIN IS IN A WHIRL! MAYBE A WALK WILL CALM ME DOWN.

IT'S GONNA BE THE MOST EXCITING EVENT OF A DECADE, ED! THE RIVALRY BETWEEN CASPER AND COL. HOOFER MAKES IT DOUBLY INTERESTING!
HEAVENS! CHARLEY YOU'VE GOT A BLOW-OUT!
HURRAY! THAT'S A HUNCH THAT FLAT-TIRE WILL WIN!

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY AND THE RACE WILL BE ON! I CAN PICTURE THE DOGS LINED UP FOR THE START! THE DIN WILL BE TERRIFIC - THE STARTER TURNS THEM LOOSE, AND THE RACE WILL BE ON - 4 O'GON! I'LL BE TOO EXCITED TO WATCH THE RACE.

NEXT WILL COME, THE DAY OF THE WOOFERTON DERBY! THE DAY OF THRILLS - SUSPENSE - A FASCINATING TENSENESS IS IN THE VERY AIR. FOURTEEN FAMOUS RACING DOGS WILL COMPETE FOR THE RICH PURSE - WHICH DOG WILL WIN? EVERYBODY IS HAVING A LOT OF FUN TRYING TO PICK THE WINNER! WATCH THIS PAGE IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER.

- THE COMPLETE ENTRIES ARE:-
- RAIN-BOW.
 - FLAT-TIRE.
 - SAM FLOWER.
 - SHOOTING STAR.
 - COURAGEOUS.
 - DIXIE-BOY.
 - THE COLONEL.
 - GOLDEN GATE.
 - LITTLE PAPOOSE.
 - HOMER SWEET HOME.
 - WALLOWING GUY.
 - BROADWAY IDOL.
 - SPARE-RIBS.
 - PRINCE ROVER.

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