



# IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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I'VE GOTTA SKIP DOWNTOWN FOR A FEW HOURS, MAMA! AND BY THE WAY—THE M'GOOP'S ARE HAVING THEIR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS APPRAISED!

WHAT FOR? WHY, SO THEY'LL HAVE AN ITEMIZED RECORD, GIVING THE EXACT DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF THE ENTIRE FURNISHINGS OF THEIR HOME!

HUM-M! I'M NOT GONNA LET THE M'GOOP'S GET AHEAD OF ME!



I'M THE APPRAISER YOU PHONED FOR, MADAM!

FIRST I'M GONNA TEST YOU TO FIND OUT HOW WELL YOU KNOW VALUES! WHAT IS THAT CHAIR WORTH?

THIS CHAIR IS WORTH \$75.00, MADAM!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PAID FOR IT LAST WEEK! NOW TELL ME WHAT YOU VALUE THIS PLATE AT!

A DOZEN PLATES LIKE THIS ARE WORTH \$36.50

THAT'S WHAT I JUST PAID FOR THEM TO THE PENNY! NOW WHAT IS THIS EXPENSIVE LITTLE VASE WORTH?

IT'S JUST COMPOSITION—WORTH 75¢

THAT'S ABSURD! YOU'RE WAY OFF ON THAT! I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT COST BECAUSE IT WAS A BIRTHDAY GIFT, BUT I WAS TOLD IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE!

YOU CAN SEE ON THE BOTTOM OF IT WHERE THE PRICE—75¢—HAS BEEN ERASED!

WHY, YOU'RE RIGHT!

OH, YOU SCOUNDREL! YOU HAD YOUR NERVE TO SPEND ONLY 75¢ ON A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR ME!



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## Toots and Casper

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### EXTRA!

STELLA CLINKER FAILED TO SHOW UP AT THE CHURCH LAST WEEK FOR HER MARRIAGE TO ABNER AND THEREFORE THE WEDDING IS OFF!



POOR UNCLE ABNER FELT SO HUMILIATED AT THE CHURCH! THERE HE WAS, SURROUNDED BY HIS FRIENDS WAITING FOR HIS BRIDE-TO-BE, BUT SHE NEVER SHOWED UP!

IF STELLA CLINKER HAD ONE TRACE OF KINDNESS IN HER HEART SHE'D HAVE TOLD HIM IN ADVANCE THAT SHE DIDN'T INTEND TO MARRY HIM, INSTEAD OF JILTING HIM PUBLICLY, TOOTS!

WHAT DID STELLA HAVE TO SAY FOR HERSELF IN THAT NOTE SHE SENT TO ABNER?

SHE MERELY SAID SHE WAS RETURNING HIS ENGAGEMENT RING BECAUSE SHE IS GOING TO MARRY THE WEALTHY ROGER KAILERTON!



I KNEW ALL THE TIME THAT STELLA WAS ONLY AFTER ABNER FOR HIS MONEY! SHE PROVED IT WHEN SHE TURNED HIM DOWN FOR A WEALTHIER MAN! HE'S LUCKY TO BE RID OF HER, IF YOU ASK ME!

SHHH—TOOTS! HERE COMES UNCLE ABNER! HE MUSTN'T HEAR US TALKING!

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH STELLA ON THE TELEPHONE ALL WEEK, AND I WANT AN EXPLANATION! I'M GOING OVER TO HER HOUSE RIGHT NOW!

IF I WERE YOU I'D FORGET HER, UNCLE ABNER! REMEMBER THERE ARE BETTER FISH IN THE SEA THAN EVER WERE CAUGHT!

I ALMOST WISH WE HADN'T ALLOWED ABNER TO GO OUT! HE'S AS MAD AS A WET HEN, CASPER!

HE'S SO FURIOUS THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'S LIABLE TO DO, TOOTS!

HOLD ON, MR. ABNER! PLEASE WAIT AND I'LL SEE IF MISS CLINKER IS IN—

SHE'S HOME ALL RIGHT, BUT SHE'D PROBABLY SAY SHE'S OUT IF SHE KNEW I WAS HERE!

SO YOU'RE HERE, ROGER KAILERTON? YOU RASCAL— YOU DOUBLE-CROSSER! YOU'VE STOLEN THE WOMAN I LOVE—

ABNER! STOP!

STELLA AND I WERE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER AND WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED, ABNER, BUT I'M TERRIBLY SORRY YOU HAD TO BE THE GOAT, OLD MAN!

YOU'VE ROBBED ME OF MY HAPPINESS—

ROGER DIDN'T ROB YOU OF ANYTHING— I'M MORE TO BLAME THAN HE IS— SIT DOWN! PLEASE! LET'S HAVE A HEART-TO-HEART TALK, ABNER!

WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER FATE, ABNER! ROGER AND I LOVE EACH OTHER, AND IT'S MUCH BETTER ALL AROUND THAT WE FOUND IT OUT BEFORE I MARRIED YOU, INSTEAD OF AFTERWARDS— I'M FOND OF YOU, ABNER, AND ROGER IS, TOO— SO LET'S ALL ACCEPT FATE'S VERDICT AND BE FRIENDS!

ABNER IS SUCH A NICE FELLOW I'M ALMOST SORRY I CAME BETWEEN YOU TWO, STELLA! YOU MIGHT NOT WANT ME, ANYWAY, IF YOU KNEW A SECRET IN MY LIFE!

TUT-TUT, ROGER! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR PAST! IT'S OUR FUTURE THAT CONCERNS ME!

YES, THEY LOVE EACH OTHER, AND I WON'T STAND IN THE WAY OF THEIR HAPPINESS! I'LL TRY TO FORGET, BUT IT'LL BE HARD! A BROKEN HEART IS NO DIFFERENT FROM A SERIOUS PHYSICAL AILMENT! IT TAKES A LONG LONG TIME TO COMPLETELY RECOVER FROM IT!

WHAT IS THE SECRET IN ROGER KAILERTON'S LIFE THAT STELLA REFUSES TO LISTEN TO?

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

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