



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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MAMA AND I ARE GONNA STEP OUT IN SOCIETY TONIGHT, SO I'LL GET MY DRESS CLOTHES READY TO SLIP ON! HERE'S MY DRESS SHIRT AND COLLAR!

-AND HERE ARE MY COLLAR-BUTTONS, MY STUDS, AND MY DRESS-TIE--- NOW I'LL SET OUT MY SUSPENDERS, A SILK HANKY AND A POSY FOR MY BUTTON HOLE!

HERE'S PAPA'S BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER BUNNY! WATCH FOR HER CLOTHES NEXT WEEK!



THESE CLOTHES ARE FOR YOUR CASPER DOLL OF LAST WEEK!

BUNNY'S SEND BACK ON DOTTED LINE, JIMMY MURPHY

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I'LL PUT MY YELLOW GLOVES AND MY SCARF BY MY TOP COAT SO I WON'T FORGET THEM!

I WON'T HAVE TO WASTE TIME LOOKING FOR A COLLAR BUTTON OR SOMETHING AT THE LAST MINUTE TONIGHT, MAMA, BECAUSE I'VE GOT MY WHOLE DRESS OUTFIT READY TO SLIP ON!

YOU'D BETTER START DRESSING RIGHT-AWAY, PAPA!

TONIGHT IS ONE NIGHT THAT WE WON'T BE DELAYED ON MY ACCOUNT, MAMA! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN A THING-- NOT A THING!

---EXCEPT! EXCEPT MY---

EXCEPT WHAT?

---EXCEPT MY TUXEDO! I LEFT IT AT THE TAILOR SHOP YESTERDAY TO BE PRESSED AND I SAID I'D CALL FOR IT ON MY WAY HOME TODAY! I'LL PHONE 'EM TO RUSH IT OVER TO ME!

OF COURSE, THE TAILOR SHOP DOESN'T ANSWER, IT'S AFTER BUSINESS HOURS AND NOW WE'LL HAVE TO STAY HOME TONIGHT BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T A TUXEDO, BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT! ALL I'VE EVER DONE SINCE I MARRIED YOU IS SIT IN AND LOOK AT FOUR WALLS! OH, YOU SCOUNDREL!

Toots and Casper

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WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF THE DAZZLING DESIGNING STELLA CLINKER, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST! SHE'S GONE--GONE FROM THE LIVES OF BOTH UNCLE ABNER AND ROGER KAILERTON, AND IT'S HER OWN FAULT!

SHE JILTED ONE TO WIN THE OTHER AND NOW SHE'S LOST OUT WITH BOTH OF THEM!

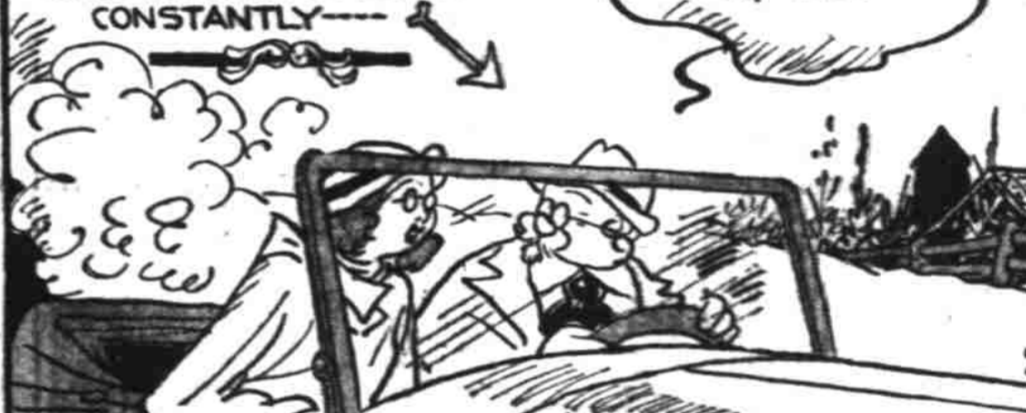


ROGER KAILERTON, THE LOVABLE LITTLE GARDENER ON THE CHUCKLE ESTATE, IS TRYING TO FORGET HIS SHATTERED MEMORIES BY ONCE AGAIN WORKING AMONG THE FLOWERS HE LOVES--HIS ENGAGEMENT TO STELLA CLINKER CAME TO AN ABRUPT END WHEN SHE LEARNED THAT HE IS NOT A RICH MAN!



UNCLE ABNER, WHO WAS RUTHLESSLY JILTED BY STELLA, FINDS SOLACE IN THE COMPANY OF SWEET ELLEN FERGUSON WITH WHOM HE IS SEEN CONSTANTLY--

YOU'RE GETTING PRETTIER EVERY DAY, ELLEN, AND I MEAN IT, TOO!



STELLA CLINKER HAD HER NERVE TO TRY TO WIN ABNER BACK TO HER WHEN SHE TURNED MR. KAILERTON DOWN, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK, CASPER!

YOU BET IT DIDN'T WORK, TOOTS, BECAUSE IN THE MEANTIME ABNER HAS TAKEN A SHINE TO ELLEN FERGUSON AND I DON'T BLAME HIM FOR THAT!



UNCLE EVERETT WON'T ADMIT IT! HE CHANGES THE SUBJECT EVERYTIME I MENTION IT, BUT I'VE A HUNCH THAT HE PURPOSELY SENT ROGER KAILERTON TO THE CITY, POSING AS A RICH MAN, TO BUST UP THE ROMANCE BETWEEN STELLA AND ABNER, AND IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM!



HEY, MEADOWS! WHERE IS MY UNCLE EVERETT?

HE JUST LEFT FOR A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE, MR. CASPER! HE'S VERY QUIET TODAY, SIR! HE MUST BE THINKING OF ELSIE, SIR!



YES, THAT'S IT! UNCLE EVERETT OWNS THIS WHOLE COUNTRY-SIDE NOW! HE BOUGHT IT SO THAT THE SCENES OF HIS ROMANCE WITH ELSIE SHOULD FOREVER BE LEFT UNDISTURBED, AND HE LOVES TO STROLL AMONG THE SCENES WHERE THEY WERE ONCE SO HAPPY!



"MEMORY LANE," THE RUSTIC ROAD WHERE HE AND ELSIE SO OFTEN WALKED ARM IN ARM, YEARS AGO!

HE MAY NEVER SEE HER AGAIN-- BUT SHE'S ALWAYS WITH HIM-- ALWAYS BESIDE HIM-- IN MEMORYLAND!

AND HERE IS THE VERY SPOT WHERE HE AND ELSIE PLEDGED THEIR LOVE-- WHEN HE WAS A CARE-FREE YOUTH AND SHE WAS JUST SIXTEEN-- EVERYWHERE HE SEES HER-- EVERYTHING REMINDS HIM OF HER-- OF HER GORGEOUS, BLUE-EYED, GOLDEN-HAIRED ELSIE!



ELLSIE LOVES ME--- SHE'LL NEVER BE HAPPY AWAY FROM ME--- I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HER! I MUST FIND HER! I WILL FIND HER! SOMEWHERE-- SOMEPLACE-- SHE'S WAITING FOR ME AND SOMEDAY I'LL FIND HER!

WE'RE LEAVING FOR THE CITY ON THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN, UNCLE EVERETT, BUT I HATE TO GO! WE'VE HAD A LOVELY TIME HERE!

AND I HATE TO SEE YOU AND CASPER GO, TOOTS! I THINK THE WORLD OF YOU BECAUSE YOU REMIND ME SO MUCH OF ELSIE WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG!

DEAR OLD UNCLE EVERETT! HE TRIED TO SMILE, BUT TEARS CAME INTO HIS EYES WHEN HE SPOKE OF ELSIE!

YES, AND NO MATTER WHERE ELSIE IS, I'LL BET THAT TEARS COME INTO HER EYES, TOO, EVERYTIME SHE THINKS OF HIM!

EVERETT AND ELSIE! THEY LOVE EACH OTHER SO MUCH!

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