



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!
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WHAT TIME DOES THE VALLEY TRAIN GET IN?
IT'S DUE HERE IN TWO HOURS, MISTER!
TWO HOURS! GOSH, I'VE GOT A LONG WAIT, BUT IT'S WORTH IT! MAMA IS ARRIVING ON THAT VALLEY TRAIN!
TODAY WE PRINT, BY REQUEST, A NEW CUT-OUT OF SWEET LITTLE MRS. FERGUSON! HER CLOTHES WILL BE PRINTED NEXT WEEK!
CUT SLIT ON DOTTED LINE.
THESE CLOTHES AND HATS ARE FOR THE TOOTS DOLL THAT WAS PRINTED LAST WEEK!
HELLO, MAMA! WELCOME HOME!
THERE YOU ARE--- LATE AS USUAL! IT'S A PITY YOU COULDN'T BE HERE ON TIME AND HELP ME WITH MY GRIPS! HOW DARE YOU KEEP ME WAITING?
YOU PROBABLY OVERSLEPT THIS MORNING BECAUSE YOU WERE OUT ALL NIGHT! I GUESS YOU HAD A PRETTY GOOD TIME WHILE I WAS GONE! ONLY YOU SCOUNDREL!
IT'S BEEN A LONG WAIT, BUT IT'S NEARLY OVER! THE TRAIN IS DUE IN A FEW MINUTES NOW--- HOLY SMOKE! I FORGOT TO GET SOME FLOWERS FOR MAMA! I GUESS I'VE GOT TIME TO SKIP OVER TO THAT FLOWER SHOP ACROSS THE STREET!
QUICK! I WANT A DOZEN ROSES AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!
THESE FLOWERS WILL PLEASE MAMA! GREAT SCOTT! THE TRAIN IS IN---
MRS. FERGUSON!
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Toots and Casper

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STELLA CLINKER ISN'T PULLING ANY WOOL OVER MY EYES, CASPER! I KNOW WHY SHE DROPPED IN TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR WINNING THAT BOXING CONTEST!
SO DO I, TOOTS! SHE USED THAT AS AN EXCUSE TO DROP IN, HOPING SHE'D MEET UNCLE ABNER HERE!
THAT'S JUST IT! I'LL BET SHE'S DECIDED TO TRY TO MAKE UP WITH HIM! SHE HAS HER NERVE AFTER THE WAY SHE RUTHLESSLY JILTED HIM AT THE ALTAR!
WELL, IF HE EVER FALLS FOR HER AGAIN AFTER THE ROUGH DEAL SHE HANDED HIM HE OUGHT TO HAVE HIS HEAD EXAMINED!
IT WAS A LUCKY THING FOR UNCLE ABNER THAT SHE DIDN'T MARRY HIM! SHE WAS ONLY AFTER HIS MONEY--- ALL THAT SHE THINKS OF IS MONEY, AND NOW THAT SHE'S FAILED TO LAND A WEALTHIER MAN, MAYBE SHE'S GOING TO TRY TO WIN ABNER BACK TO HER!
AT ANY RATE, STELLA WILL HAVE COMPETITION NOW! UNCLE ABNER HAS BECOME QUITE INTERESTED IN LITTLE ELLEN FERGUSON AND I DON'T BLAME HIM! SHE'S A DARLING! IF HE EVER GETS MARRIED I HOPE SHE'LL BE THE LUCKY LADY!
- EXCUSE ME, TOOTS! SOMEONE IS AT THE DOOR! HELLO! WHO IS IT?
I'M A CASTING DIRECTOR! WE CAN USE YOU IN MOTION PICTURES!
ME?
YES, YOU! WE'VE GOT A PART THAT CALLS FOR A VERY HOMELY GUY AND YOUR FACE JUST FILLS THE BILL!
WHY--- IT'S UNCLE ABNER!
YES, IT'S ME, CASPER, AND I WILL HAVE MY LITTLE JOKE! I JUST ARRIVED FROM PRAIRIE JUNCTION!
I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, UNCLE ABNER---
AS SOON AS I BRUSH UP A BIT I'LL TELL YOU ALL THE NEWS, TOOTS! I HAVE LOTS TO TELL YOU!
YOU HAD ME GOING FOR A MINUTE, UNCLE ABNER!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT STELLA GOT WIND OF IT THAT ABNER WAS RETURNING AND SHE INTENDS TO WORK FAST!
FOR ALL WE KNOW HE MAY HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATING WITH HER, TOOTS!
TELL ME ABOUT EVERETT! HAS HE HEARD ANY NEWS OF ELSIE?
NO, HE HASN'T, TOOTS, AND HE'S TERRIBLY DISCOURAGED!
SOMEONE IS AT THE DOOR!
I'LL ANSWER IT, CASPER! I'M EXPECTING MY TRUNK!
IF IT'S A CASTING DIRECTOR WANTING TO HIRE A HOMELY GUY, SEND HIM OVER TO COLONEL HOOPER!
ABNER! THIS IS A SURPRISE! I DROPPED IN TO GET THE GLOVE THAT I FORGOT HERE THE OTHER DAY--- OH, I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU---
WHY, STELLA CLINKER! WON'T YOU COME IN?
I KNEW SHE HAD A REASON FOR FORGETTING THAT GLOVE, CASPER!
YES, IT LOOKS AS IF STELLA CLINKER INTENDS TO WORK FAST THIS TIME!
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