

IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!
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I DID AS YOU SAID, PAPA, AND TOOK THAT DRESS BACK TO THE SHOP, BUT LEE... I NEVER SAW A DRESS I LIKED QUITE AS MUCH!

I'M ONLY TRYING TO SAVE A LITTLE MONEY, MAMA! THE DRESS IS PRICED AT SIXTY DOLLARS, BUT IF YOU ACT INDIFFERENT ABOUT IT THEY'LL PROBABLY LET YOU HAVE IT FOR FIFTY! SAVVY?

HERE IS ANOTHER CUT-OUT OF OUR LITTLE FRIEND, CASPER. HIS CLOTHES WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

CALL UP THE SHOP NOW, MAMA! TELL THEM YOU SAW A DRESS SOMEPLACE ELSE THAT YOU LIKE BETTER AND THEY'LL JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO OFFER YOU THAT ONE FOR LESS MONEY!

PAPA, YOU'RE SMART!
IF THEY OFFER IT TO YOU FOR FIFTY, MAMA, HOLD OUT FOR \$47.50

HELLO! DRESS SHOP? NOW ABOUT THAT DRESS I SENT BACK—

WHAT?

IT'S SOLD! SOME OTHER WOMAN BOUGHT IT! IT'S THE ONLY DRESS I SAW THAT I REALLY LIKED! I'LL NEVER FIND ANOTHER ONE I LIKE AS WELL

YES, I'LL FIND ANOTHER ONE, AND I DON'T CARE WHAT IT COSTS! I'LL PAY \$200.00 IF NECESSARY, BUT I'M GOING TO BE SATISFIED!

THESE UNIFORMS ARE FOR YOUR MEADOWS DOLL OF LAST WEEK

CASPER
SEND BACK ON DOTTED LINE
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Toots and Casper

YES, ELLEN! IT'S TRUE... I'M GOING TO MARRY STELLA CLINKER!
NO--NO! IT'S NOT TRUE! IT CAN'T BE TRUE, ABNER! I DON'T BELIEVE IT--- YOU'RE ENGAGED TO ME---

ABNER WAS ENGAGED TO YOU, ELLEN, BUT HE'S ENGAGED TO ME NOW, AND WE'RE TO BE MARRIED SOON! COME, ABNER-- LET ME HAVE MY COAT--- I MUST BE GOING!
CASPER, DO SOMETHING-- SAY SOMETHING-- THIS IS TERRIBLE!

WE'RE GOING TO THE THEATRE TONIGHT, ABNER DARLING-- I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT SEVEN-- BYE-BYE, DEAR!
I'LL BE THERE, STELLA! LOODBYE!

THE IDEA OF ABNER TURNING ELLEN DOWN LIKE THAT, CASPER! IT'S PERFECTLY DREADFUL!
DREADFUL, TOOTS? IT'S AWFUL--- TERRIBLE! I ALWAYS THOUGHT ABNER WAS SO SQUARE AND ON THE LEVEL! I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE MY EARS!

ABNER, YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF! ELLEN FERLUSON IS THE BEST PAL YOU EVER HAD-- SHE LOVES YOU, BUT YOU DON'T CONSIDER THAT! I WOULDN'T TREAT MY WORST ENEMY LIKE YOU JUST TREATED HER!

ELLEN-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE NOT LEAVING, ARE YOU? PLEASE DON'T GO!
YES, TOOTS, I'M GOING BACK TO PRAIRIE JUNCTION ON THE NEXT TRAIN-- THERE'S NOTHING LEFT HERE FOR ME N-NOW---

DEAR LITTLE ELLEN FERLUSON! I LOVE HER MORE THAN ANYONE IN THE WORLD, BUT I'VE GOT TO MARRY STELLA CLINKER BECAUSE STELLA HAS A CLUB OVER MY HEAD... I'VE GOT TO MARRY STELLA TO PREVENT HER FROM MAKING THAT LETTER PUBLIC---
LOOK! THERE'S ELLEN NOW---

ABNER IS TALKING TO ELLEN, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW HE HAS THE NERVE TO EVEN FACE HER AFTER THE WAY HE JUST TREATED HER!

I MAY NOT SEE YOU AGAIN, ELLEN, BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU... NEVER--- AND THAT COMES FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART--
I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU EITHER, ABNER, AND I HOPE YOU AND STELLA WILL ALWAYS BE HAPPY!

NO, TOOTS, PLEASE DON'T FEEL HARSH TOWARD ABNER! HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN AND IF HE'LL BE HAPPIER WITH STELLA THAT'S WHERE HE BELONGS!
ZOSH! I'M GOONNA HATE TO SEE YOUR TRAIN PULL OUT, ELLEN! WE'RE GOONNA MISS YOU!

THERE WERE TEARS IN ELLEN'S EYES WHEN SHE KISSED US GOODBYE AT THE DEPOT, CASPER! I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HER!
POOR LITTLE WOMAN! SHE'S WELL ON HER WAY BY NOW, AND I KNOW HOW TERRIBLE SHE MUST FEEL, TOOTS---

YES, ELLEN IS HEART-BROKEN--- FOR SHE LOVES ABNER--- ALWAYS DID LOVE HIM--- ALWAYS WILL LOVE HIM! LITTLE WONDER THAT SHE GIVES WAY TO HER FEELINGS IN THE PRIVACY OF HER BERTH AS THE TRAIN SPEEDS THROUGH THE NIGHT

AND ABNER, TOO! NO ONE KNOWS THE TERRIBLE ANGUISH THAT CAME INTO HIS HEART WHEN HE SAW ELLEN LEAVE... HIS ELLEN! THE WOMAN THAT HE LOVES MORE THAN ANYONE HE EVER KNEW!

STELLA CLINKER HAS WON! SHE AND ABNER WILL BE MARRIED SOON! HOW SHE MUST GLOAT IN TRIUMPH!
CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!

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