



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

by JIMMY MURPHY
Registered U. S. Patent Office

PROFESSOR PRUNOVITCH HAS AGREED TO FURNISH ME WITH A COMPLETE HISTORY OF MY FAMILY TREE FOR ONLY TEN DOLLARS--

MAMA, A LOT OF OUR SNOOTY FRIENDS WILL SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE WHEN THEY HEAR ABOUT MY ILLUSTRIOUS ANCESTORS!



I WISH THE PROFESSOR WOULD HURRY UP WITH THE REPORT-- AH-H! HERE HE COMES NOW!

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT, PROFESSOR?
YOUR FATHER AND YOUR GRAND-FATHER WERE OBSCURE MEN, BUT YOUR GREAT-GRAND FATHER WAS KNOWN FROM COAST TO COAST!

YES, HE WAS KNOWN AS "BARBARY BILL," THE MOST FEARED BANDIT OF THE GOLD-RUSH DAYS-- FINALLY HANGED BY THE VIGILANTES--

AND HIS FATHER WAS SHOT FOR CATTLE RUSTLING-- NOW GOING BACK FURTHER I FIND THAT HIS FATHER'S FATHER WAS CAPTAIN OF A PIRATE SHIP-- AND-- YOU CAN READ THE REST YOURSELF--

TEN DOLLARS PLEASE FOR FURNISHING THIS DATA!
HERE'S TWENTY DOLLARS IF YOU'LL KEEP IT DARK!

IF MAMA ASKS ME ABOUT THIS I'LL TELL HER THE PROFESSOR FOUND NO TRACE OF MY ANCESTORS--

HERE IS MAMA AND THE CLOTHES SHE WEARS SO OFTEN.

MAMA
SEND BACK ON DOTTED LINE.

JIMMY MURPHY

Toots and Casper

Registered U. S. Patent Office

THERE SURE HAVE BEEN PLENTY OF ROMANCES HERE IN PRAIRIE JUNCTION-- FIRST IT WAS EVERETT AND ELSIE, THEN ABNER AND ELLEN, NOW ROGER AND LUCY!
YES, AND THE SWEETEST ROMANCE OF THEM ALL WAS THAT OF UNCLE EVERETT AND ELSIE!

SURE, EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW EVERETT SEARCHED THE WORLD FOR HIS GOLDEN-HAIRED ELSIE UNTIL HE FINALLY FOUND HER!
AND NOW THAT I'VE FOUND HER I'LL NEVER LET HER OUT OF MY SIGHT AGAIN-- EH, ELSIE?

I'VE GOTTA BE GETTING BACK TO TOWN, UNCLE EVERETT-- I'M A WORKING-MAN, YOU KNOW!
STAY ANOTHER DAY OR TWO, ANYWAY, CASPER-- I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU! ABNER AND ELLEN WILL ARRIVE HERE TONIGHT!

OF COURSE, I'LL WAIT OVER TO SEE THEM-- AND SAY-- WHAT DID THEY NAME THE TWINS?
I DON'T KNOW! I NEVER HEARD A WORD FROM THEM UNTIL THEY WIRED ME TODAY THAT THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY HERE--

BUTTERCUP IS SLEEPY SO PUT HIM TO BED-- HE'D BETTER GET PLENTY OF REST WHILE HE'S YOUNG, BECAUSE WHEN HE GROWS UP AND I PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF ALL MY INTERESTS HE WON'T HAVE MUCH TIME FOR SLEEP!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, BUTTERCUP, YOU LUCKY BOY? SOMEDAY YOU'RE GOING TO STEP INTO YOUR RICH UNCLE'S SHOES!
AND HE'LL FALL HEIR TO A GREAT MANY OF UNCLE EVERETT'S MILLIONS, TOO, TOOTS-- DON'T FORGET THAT!

I CAN SEE THE LIGHTS OF A CAR COMING UP THE HILL-- SURE, IT'S ABNER AND ELLEN!

ELLEN, WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR AGES--
I SURE AM GLAD TO SEE YOU AND ELSIE, TOO, TOOTS,
WELCOME HOME, ABNER!
GEE, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND TOOTS AND CASPER HERE!

I GUESS YOU'D BETTER PUT THE TWINS TO BED, NURSE-- THEY'RE TIRED FROM OUR LONG TRIP!
WHAT DID YOU NAME THEM, ABNER?

COME, COME, ABNER-- WHAT DID YOU NAME THEM?
I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU, EVERETT-- WE NAMED THEM "EVERETT" AND "ELSIE" AFTER YOU AND YOUR WIFE--

LITTLE EVERETT-- WELL, WELL-- ISN'T HE A DARLING?
AND LITTLE ELSIE-- SHE'S THE CUTEST LITTLE TRICK--

THERE YOU ARE, TOOTS! THATS WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF-- NOW THOSE TWINS ARE IN SOLID WITH EVERETT FOR LIFE-- THEY MAY EVEN TAKE BUTTERCUP'S PLACE IN HIS WILL--
GEE, NOW I WISH WE HAD NAMED OUR BABY "EVERETT" INSTEAD OF "BUTTERCUP!"

© 1936, King Features Syndicate, Inc., Great Britain rights reserved.

JIMMY MURPHY

3-22.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

