



IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS!

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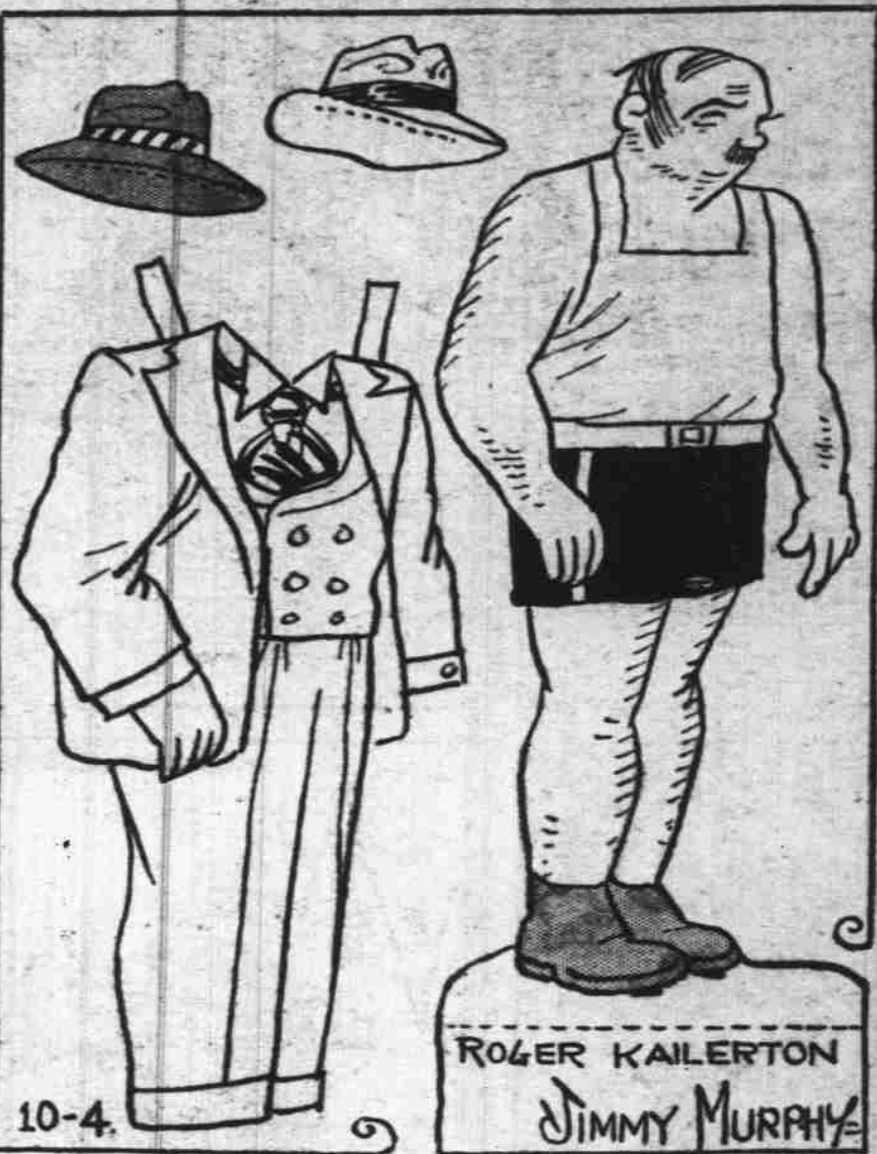


WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME AT THIS HOUR OF THE DAY, PAPA?

WANTA SEE SOMETHING PRETTY, MAMA?



WHAT A DARLING LITTLE WRIST-WATCH! WHY, PAPA-- IT'S PERFECTLY GORGEOUS!



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PAPA, HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU FOR SUCH A LOVELY GIFT--

NO--NO! IT'S NOT FOR YOU, MAMA--



IT BELONGS TO MY BOSS-- HE TOLD ME TO TAKE IT OUT TO HIS WIFE, AND I ONLY DROPPED IN HERE A MINUTE TO LET YOU SEE IT!



IT'S NOT FOR M-ME? OH-- P-PAPA, I THOUGHT--



SHAME ON YOU FOR LETTIN' ME THINK IT WAS MINE AND THEN TAKIN' IT AWAY FROM ME-- I'LL LEAVE YOU FOR THIS YOU CRUEL, HEARTLESS BEAST!

Toots and Casper



OH, HELLO, CASPER! I JUST GOT HOME. MYSELF, FIVE MINUTES AGO--

DID STELLA CLINKER INVITE US TO HER PARTY TONIGHT, TOOTS?



NO, I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER-- MAYBE SHE TRIED TO PHONE US, BUT WE WERE BOTH OUT!

SHE'S THROWING A PARTY TONIGHT FOR BEN PLUNKER-- COLONEL HOOFER TOLD ME-- HE WAS INVITED--



SHE'LL HAVE TO INVITE US, TOOTS! WHY, BEN IS OUR HOUSE-GUEST--

OF COURSE SHE'LL ASK US-- SHE'LL CALL BACK AGAIN SOON SO LET'S DRESS AND BE READY WHEN SHE PHONES--



FUNKY MR. PLUNKER DIDN'T SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT BEFORE HE LEFT THIS MORNIN'--

HE NEVER MENTIONED IT TO ME AT THE OFFICE EITHER! GUESS HE LEAVES IT TO STELLA TO DO THE INVITIN'!



IT'S TIME SHE WAS PHONIN'! HER PARTY MUST BE STARTIN' BY NOW!

MAYBE SHE GOT BUSY AND FORGOT US!



WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I'LL PHONE HER AND GIVE HER A CHANCE TO INVITE US!



HELLO, NORKA, THIS IS MRS. CASPER! LET ME SPEAK TO MISS CLINKER-- SURE, I'LL HOLD THE WIRE--

WHAT?



CASPER, SHE WOULDN'T COME TO THE PHONE FOR ME-- THE MAID CAME BACK AND SAID MISS CLINKER IS BUSY--

WHY, THE INSOLENT UPSTART--



MAYBE THE PARTY WAS CANCELED--OR SOMETHING, BUT LET'S WALK PAST HER HOUSE AND SEE WHAT'S GOIN' ON--



TOOTS! LOOK AT ALL THE CARS PARKED BY HER HOUSE-- DOZENS OF THEM-- SHE IS HAVIN' A PARTY-- AND A BIG ONE--



LOOK IN THE WINDOW-- STELLA IS TALKIN' TO MR. PLUNKER-- I SEE MR. AND MRS. SKIDDER, AND MR. CLAMBY-- AND THERE'S BETTY BIRCH, AND--



OH, WHAT A SLAP IN THE FACE-- SHE INVITED ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND LEFT US OUT-- I'M HUMILIATED! AND TO THINK THAT MR. PLUNKER WOULD LET HER DO THIS TO US-- TAKE ME AWAY FROM HERE-- TAKE ME HOME--

IT LOOKS LIKE STELLA HAS CARRIED OUT HER THREAT TO QUEER CASPER WITH HIS BOSS.
CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

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