



HOWDY, SNUFFY!! I THOUGHT I'D DRAP OVER AN' SEE HOW YOU AN' YORE FAMBL' WUZ GITTIN' ALONG

EVER'BODY'S SAME AS USUAL, SUT--LOWEEZY'S OVER AT TH' BARLOWS' WAGGIN' HER TONGUE OFF

IT'S A WONDER SHE AIN'T GOT SPRANT JAWS TH' WAY SHE'S BEEN JABBERIN' WIF MIZ BARLOW THESE LAST TWO-THREE DAYS

JABBERIN' ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT MIZ BARLOW'S SISTER VINEY-- VINEY'S MIZ BARLOW'S OLD-MAIDY SISTER-- SHE MUST BE GOIN' ON NINETEEN, YE KNOW--

VINEY? AIN'T SHE TH' ONE WHO WUZ SPOSED TO GIT HITCHED UP WIF THAT FLATLAND INSURANCE PEDDLER?

YEP-- AN' YESTIDDY HE BOUGHT A GENUINE, NINE-DOLLER DIAMONT WEDDIN' RING AT TH' GEN'RAL STORE, AN' THEN TO CAP TH' CLIMAX-- VINEY DIDN'T COME HOME FER SUPPER LAST NIGHT

SAKES ALIVE!! YE DON'T SPOSE THEY RUN OFF AN' TIED TH' KNOT?

I NEVER WUZ ONE TO CARRY TALES, BUT THEY TELL ME VINEY AIN'T TH' KNIT AN' ROCK AT HOME--TYPE OF FEMALE WOMAN--

AN' I HEAR TELL SHE CAN'T COOK WORTH A HOOT--HER OWN MAW TOLD ME THAT

WAAL--I'D GIVE A EYETOOTH TO KNOW IF THEM TWO WENT ELOPIN' OFF TOGETHER LAST NIGHT AN' GOT HITCHED-- HOWSOMEVER-- I BETTER MOSEY ALONG HOME

WAIT A SECONT AN' WE'LL FIND OUT-- HERE COMES "OL' GOSSIPY"



RIGGS! BAT! BLUNKER! YOU BUSTED OUT OF PRISON?

YEAH, DOC HOKE, AND WE'RE HIDIN' HERE FOR A WHILE.

BUT, RIGGS-- IF YOU'RE FOUND HERE, THE SHERIFF'LL KNOW I'M THE FOURTH MEMBER OF YOUR GANG-- THE MAN HE'S BEEN LOOKIN' FOR!

WE KEPT YOU OUT OF JAIL, FOR THAT YOU'RE GIVING US A HIDEOUT!

