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"AMOS AND ANDY" by Correll & Gosden No. 881

Andy's lawyer made two more attempts today to enter the beauty shop of Madam Queen. He posed as a book salesman and on his second attempt to enter the beauty shop he gave his greatest characterization as that of a milk man. Madam Queen's sister became suspicious of seeing the same face at the door so many times as different characters that she called her husband, Brother Crawford. As the scene opens now we find Andy in the taxicab office talking to Lawyer Snoop who is explaining his unsuccessful attempt to enter the beauty shop. Here they are:--

ANDY STARTS

Andy---An' you say you tried to git in as de milk man.

Snoop--Yes, I made my last attempt to git in as de milk man an' I was carryin' 3 quarts o' milk in my arms an' just as I was goin' up de two or three little steps in front o' de beauty shop, I dropped de milk an' broke de 3 quarts so I rang de do'-bell an' when they came to de door I told them I was the milk man but I didn't have any milk.

Andy---You done dropped de milk, huh?

Snoop--Yes, that made it pretty bad when I dropped de milk.

Andy---Wait a minute, wait a minute--heah come brotheh Crawford 'cross de street now. Ain't no way dat you kin git out o' heah neitheh. Don't say too much to him.

Snoop--No, I won't say anything.

Andy---Well, come in brotheh Crawford.

John---Hello Andy. Hello brother Snoop.

Snoop--Hello. How are yo' today?

John---Well, I've got a little message fo' both of yo' so I might as well tell yo' now.

Andy---Whut's de matteh?

John---Well, my wife just called me from de lunch room an'

ast me to hurry home an' when I got dere she told me dat she happened to be lookin' out de front window an' saw brother Snoop come in de taxicab office.

Andy---Well, whut about it?

John---Well, I just wanna say whut my wife told me to tell yo', an' dat is dat Madam Queen an' my wife are both getting sick an' tired of brother Snoop tryin' to get into the beauty shop. My wife says that de last time you tried to get in you told her you were a milk man an' left a lot of broken bottles on the steps.

Andy---Well----I don't think that was Lawyeh Snoop.

Snoop--Yo' see brotheh Crawford, I work fo' several comp'nies, an' one of de comp'nies I work fo' is de milk comp'ny.

John---Well, we are very satisfied with the comp'ny that we're getting milk from now an' my wife told me to tell you that de next time that you come to either the front or the back door she's going to have you arrested.

Snoop--Well, you tell yo' wife dat I won't be oven no mo'.

Andy---No, just tell yo' wide dat ev'ything goin' be alright from now on.

John---My wife says that she don't care if your name is Snoop or what it is, you're not going to snoop around her place.

Andy---Alright brotheh Crawford---ev'ything goin' be took care of alright. Tell yo' wife dat ev'rything goin' be alright from now on.

John---An' one thing more before I go---my wife found your boy out in the back yard hanging around and your son told my wife that you put him there. My wife called up Madam Queen's lawyer, Mr. M. Smith, an' Mr. Smith says to tell you that if either one of you hang around again he's gonna put you both in jail.

Andy---Oh, ev'ything goin' be alright from now on brotheh Crawford.

John---An' let dat be a lesson to both of yo'----good-day.

Snoop--Good day.

(pause)

Andy---Dere you is.

Snoop--Dose are de kind o' things dat make me disgusted with de detective bizness. I'm tryin' to do de best I kin an' someone finds fault with ev'ything I do.

Andy---Well, I don't believe if I was you I would go oveh dere no mo' an' try to git in de house.

Snoop--Well now Andy, you were going to give me ten dollahs today as advance payment.

Andy---Yeh, dat IS right, I promised yo' ten dollahs today-a---well now-a---

Telephone rings.

Snoop--I'll wait till you finish answerin' de phone.

Andy---(phone) Fresh Air Taxicab Comp'ny of America incorpulated, Andrew Brown de president speakin'----oh hello Kingfish--I pretty good, how is you?----yeh, he's heah now---just a minute--

Snoop--He wanna talk to me?

Andy---Yeh, it's de Kingfish.

Snoop--(phone) Hello brotheh Kingfish----yes----well, I haven't got five dollahs in change right now----well, I have a reason---- whut's dat?----well, I'm willin' to go 50-50----well, I haven't got de ten yet----well, I'm workin' on dat now---whut's dat?----

Andy--- (to Amos) Well, come in Amos.

Amos---(fading in) Hello dere---hello Lawyer Snoop.

Andy---He's usin' de telephone.

Snoop--(phone) Well Kingfish, I'll git in touch wid you soon as I kin-- --alright----goodbye.

Amos---Whut's goin' on?

Andy---Lawyeh Snoop just talked to de Kingfish 'bout sumpin', I don't know.

Snoop--Well Amos, how are you today?

Amos---I pretty good.

Andy---Where you been?

Amos---I been 'round seein' some friends o' mine today---I got a little bizness to talk about too.

Snoop--Well now Andy, I just talked to de Kingfish, he wants to know if de two of us kin come oveh to his office. He's got a big deal on dat he wants to talk about an' we kin discuss de finances oveh dere as well as we kin heah.

Andy---Oh sho', we kin go oveh dere---when yo' wanna go oveh?

Snoop--Well, he wants us to come oveh dere right now.

Amos---Listen brother Snoop---'spose you go ahead over dere an' me an' Andy'll be over in 10 or 15 minutes---I got some bizness I wanna talk over wid Andy heah.

Snoop--Alright. Well, I'll git on oveh to de lodge hall an' you boys be right oveh.

Amos---Yeh, we be over dere after while.

Snoop--An' by de way Andy, you betteh bring yo' money wid yo' so we kin git dat settled.

Andy---Oh sho'.

Amos---We'll be over dere.

Snoop--Well, I'll git on oveh---see yo' lateh.

Amos---So long.

Andy---So long brotheh Snoop.

Amos---Now listen Andy---

Andy---Whut's de matteh?

Amos---Whut's he talkin' 'bout wid yo' now?

Andy---Well, he wants ten dollahs 'cause yo' 'membeh I promised to give him 10 dollahs dis week to work on dis case, but in de meantime Madam Queen an' her sisteh found out dat he been tryin' to git in de beauty shop an' Brotheh Crawford just told him dat his wife say dat if he come oveh dere again an' try an' git in de house dey goin' have him 'rested.

Amos---Well, heah's whut I wanna tell yo'.

Andy---Whut's de matteh?

Amos---I been talkin' to some friends o' mine 'bout dis fellow Snoop an' he ain't NO good.

Andy---I beginnin' to find dat out myself.

Amos---De thing fo' you to do right now is to git rid o' him. Don't give him a nickel. He ain't done nuthin' fo' you an' he ain't no real lawyeh.

Andy---You don't mean to say he ain't no lawyeh.

Amos---He THINKS he is, an' he try to make ev'ybody else think he is, but he ain't no lawyeh.

Andy---You mean to say dat he been tellin' us dat he's a lawyeh, an' he ain't one?

Amos---No, he's one o' dese lawyers dat work on income tax an' things like dat but he can't go into court.

Andy---Well, maybe he ain't GOTTA go into Cou't.

Amos---Well listen, you in more trouble dan you think you is.

Andy---Whut yo' mean?

Amos---Well, I just heard sumpin' 'round town today, an' if you think you ain't goin' in Court you is wrong. Look like to me you is goin' in Court or jail---one or de other.

Andy---You ain't foolin' me, is yo'?

Amos---No, I ain't foolin' yo'. You gotta git yo'self a real lawyeh right now, an' I mean RIGHT now.

Andy---Well, dat's whut I thought Snoop was.

Amos---Well, he ain't.

Andy---Well, whut is you done found out?

Amos---Plenty.

Andy---Well, whut is de matteh Amos? You got me nervous again---my stomach is turnin' oveh.

Amos---Befo' dey finish wid you, YOU is goin' to turn oveh-

--an' not only dat but ev'ything you git, or ever will git, you is li'ble to turn over to Madam Queen.

Andy---Whut you mean?

Amos---Well, I just left Ruby Taylor, an' she heard from somebody dat knows Madam Queen dat Madam Queen is goin' sue you fo' plenty money.

Andy---How much?

Amos---Twenty-five thousand dollars. Think dat over.

Andy---Oh---Amos! Don't leave me----come heah--don't go 'way.