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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Today the short order cook is home sick with a slight cold. Andy has volunteered his services as cook for the lunch room during the last few hours of operation. As the scene opens now we find Andy and Brother Crawford in the kitchen of the lunch room. Lightning is in the front part waiting for any customers that might come in. Amos is driving the taxicab. Here they are:--

JOHN STARTS

John---Well, you goin' to do de cooking from now on, are you?

Andy---Yeh, tie dis apron in de back dere----wait till I put it up 'round my chest---I don't wanna git no stuff on my vest.

John---We've had a pretty busy day today, but right now we're kind-a slack.

Andy---Where's all de stuff dat yo' cook wid an' ev'ything?

John---Well, everything is in de ice box an' there are the pots an' pans. I'll stay around a little while.

Andy---Well, dey ain't nuthin' doin' right now---I might as well sit down.

John---Don't fo'git those dishes is gotta be washed Andy.

Andy---Yeh, I'll tell Lightnin' 'bout dat.

John---Well, Lightnin' is not supposed to wash de dishes.

Andy---Well, Amos'll be heah afteh while. I gotta sit down an' rest my feet anyway. I put on dese shoes today---I ought to have on my easy-goin' shoes.

John---Well, heah's Lightning. Whut is it Lightning?

Andy---Yeh, whut is it? I'se de cook.

Light--One cream of tomato soup.

Andy---One cream of tomato soup. Comin' up.

John---Well, I'll sit here an' do a little figgerin' while you fix de soup.

Andy---Tomato----tomato----dere's bean soup.

John---There ought to be a can of tomato soup dere somewhere---we had some yesterday.

Andy---CREAM o' tomato soup, dat's whut he say, ain't it?

John---Yes, one order of cream of tomato soup was whut Lightning said. (to himself) 6 and 4 are 10 an' 3 are 13---an' 1 is fourteen--- ---4 an' one to carry.

Andy---Lightnin' come back heah hollerin' CREAM of tomato soup. (hollers) Lightnin' come back heah.

John---(to himself) 2 an' 2 are 4 an' 5 are 9----

Andy---We ought to have a addin' machine 'round heah.

Light--You call me Mr. Andy?

Andy---Whut you doin' comin' 'round heah hollerin' CREAM o' tomato soup? Whut kind o' soup did de man want?

Light--Dat's whut he told me---cream o' tomato soup----an' he's in a hurry too.

Andy---Alright, tell him dat I'm just peelin' de tomatoes.

John---Can't you find de tomato soup Andy?

Andy---Dat's alright---you go ahead figger, I'll find de stuff. (to himself) Soup----dere's veg'table---de man'll know de diff'ence dere though---Cream of tomato. (to John) How much is we payin' de short ordeh cook?

John---I believe we're payin' him \$14.00 a week.

Andy---He ought to git mo' money. (to himself) Cream of tomato soup--- heah's some bean soup oveh heah an' bean soup oveh dere---why can't we git dem beans togetheh?

John---Soon as I finish wid dese figgers, I'll help yo' look for it.

Andy---Oh, I'll find it. Cream of tomato soup. Chili----CON-carne. I could strain de beans out o' dat. CREAM of tomato. Somebody walk in de lunch room an' holleh CREAM of

tomato. A-a-a-h. Tomato soup.

John---Find it alright?

Andy---Yeh, I got it heah. Tomato soup, dis is---but I wanted CREAM o' tomato.

John---Well now, if yo' wanna make cream of tomato----

Andy---Dat's alright, I know my cookin'. (to himself) Now I gotta find de can openeh. Look like to me dey'd have a place 'round heah fo' ev'ything. De can openeh ought to be on a nail. You can't run no lunch room an' have de can openeh hidin' somewhere.

John---I think you'll find the can opener in that drawer there wid de other things.

Andy---In dis draweh right heah huh? Well, dere's anotheh puzzle--- dat's like lookin' for de hay in a needle-stack, or sumpin'.

John---There it is right in front of yo'.

Andy---Where?

John---Right there.

Andy---OH yeh---sho'. If I'd-a been a snake I'd-a bit it. Dat's a old slogan. Wait till I git dis open. (sings) Old man riveh--old man riveh--keep on rowin'---can't git oveh-- --OUCH! (whistles) Dere you is. Now I gotta do sumpin' 'bout dat. Lookit dere.

John---Did yo' cut yo' finger?

Andy---Almost off, dat's all. CREAM of tomato soup. A customeh ain't got no bizness comin' in heah hollerin' cream o' tomato soup in de fust place.

John---Well, dat's too bad dat yo' cut yo' finger dere---- yo' gotta be careful on them cans.

Andy---We gotta git sharpeh can openehs or dulleh cans, or sumpin'.

John---You wanna be careful wid dat cut.

Andy---We ain't got no acrobatic spirits of---or---well, I'll wrap my handke'chief 'round dat.

John---(to himself) 5 an' 9 are 14---

Andy---You cold-hearted, ain't yo'?

Light--De man wanna know 'bout his cream o' tomato soup.

Andy---Don't come back heah an' holleh cream o' tomato soup no mo'. Tell dat man I almost cut my hand off---I'll sue him fo' salt an' bat'try. Git out o' heah Lightnin'.

Light--Yessah.

Andy---Cream o' tomato soup. I'll put de soup in dis pan heah. Now, which is de cold wateh?

John---6 an' 6 are 12, an' 3 are 15.

Andy---Whut is you doin', runnin' a bank?

John---Whut is it?

Andy---Nuthin'.

John---Well, now you've made me miss everything Andy an' I've gotta start over.

Andy---Where is de matches to light de gas wid?

John---They're in a glass on top of the stove.

Andy---Ain't no matches in dere. Is you got a match?

John---(exasperated) No I haven't. Do yo' want me to cook the soup?

Andy---No, dat's alright, I'll git it. (hollers) Lightnin'.

John---9 an' 6 are 15, an' 3 are 18-----8 and 1 to carry.

Light--Yessah Mr. Andy.

Andy---Is you got a match?

Light--Nosah.

Andy---Well go up dere an' ast de man. Don't tell him why we want it but see if he got a match. We can't git de gas lit.

Light--Alright sah.

Andy---Dis cream o' tomato soup done caused mo' trouble 'round heah. Why don't de man eat at meal time like ev'ybody do. Come in heah between meals hollerin' cream o' tomato soup.

John---Well, it looks like we're going to have a pretty good week.

Andy---I hope sumpin' is good 'round heah.

Light--Heah's de match Mr. Andy.

Andy---O. K. Talk to de man---keep him feelin' good.

Light--He's mad. He won't speak to me.

Andy---(strikes match---lights gas)

John---I think you have too much water in the soup.

Andy---I'se makin' it creamy. Whut's de matter wid de gas?

John---Try another burner----that one is kind-a stopped up.

Andy---I ain't got no mo' matches.

John---Use a piece o' paper. I'll see if I can't find the box I hid out in front. (fades out) Take a piece o' paper an' light the other burner.

Andy---You find some matches out in front, I'll take care o' dis. (sings) Old man riveh--old man riveh---well, I'll light de otheh one (lights) AH, dere's de flame---(sings) Keeps on goin'----

John---Well, here is a package of matches.

Andy---I got it lit wid a piece o' papeh. I'll put dese matches though up heah case yo' need 'em.

John---Well, where are my figures?

Andy---I burned dat up lightin' de flame---I didn't know you was figgerin' on dat.

John---Well now Andy, you've lost all of my figures an' I've gotta start over.

Andy---I'se sorry 'bout dat.

John---Well, please be careful an' not burn up every piece o' paper you see laying around.

Andy---I'se sorry brotheh Crawford. I know whut 'tis to lose figgers. I'se a certified public recountant myself. Well, de soup is just 'bout ready. Hot dog. (to Light) Whut is it Lightnin'?

Light--De man's gone---he said he couldn't wait no longer.

Andy---Dere you is.

Light--Mr. Amos is comin' in.

John---Well Andy, you took long enough to fix dat soup. I don't blame de man.

Andy---Well, I worked hard enough, an' cut my finger an' ev'ything.

Amos---Well, whut's goin' on heah?

Andy---Hello Amos.

John---Andy was so long getting soup that the customer walked out.

Amos---Well, don't worry 'bout it. Whut'd yo' do, cut yo' fingehe?

Amos---Well, tomorrow is Valentine's Day---I just bought Ruby a box o' candy shaped like a heart, an' bought Aunt Lillian some flowehs.

Andy---Yeh, dat's right, ain't it?

John---I know the kind o' Valentine I would like to send my wife but she'd know who it was from, or I'd git de blame fo' it anyway.

Amos---I got some news fo' yo' Andy. Yo' know dat pitcher dat yo' had took over at dat post card place?

Andy---Yeh.

Amos---Well, it's on de front of a book dat just come out called "De Love Book"---right on de coveh, an' de head lines on de book say "Rose Pedals Andy tells all."

Andy---OH--OH.