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"AMOS AND ANDY"  
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Today Madam Queen's sister took the witness stand in behalf of the plaintiff. She was so anxious to give a good testimony in favor of her sister that she would not only answer questions asked but would elaborate on such questions to such an extent that at times it was necessary for the judge to inform her that she must answer the questions only. As the scene opens now, we find Amos and Andy just entering the taxicab office. Andy is down in the dumps and Amos is trying to console him. Here they are:--

Amos---Well, let's git on in heah an' sit down an' fo'git about it fo' a little while.

Andy---Amos, when sumpin' is bearin' down on yo', pressin' on yo' brain like dis is pressin' on mine, ain't nuthin' you kin do 'bout it. Yo' can't even fo'git it.

Amos---Madam Queen's sister didn't he'p de thing none, did she?

Andy---No, she is a pal. When she gits on de witness stand she tells EV'YTHING.

Amos---She never did like you, I don't believe.

Andy---No, she don't like me, an' I don't care. I is in a picklement an' don't nobody like me. Dat old sayin' about fair weatheh friends---I got 'em. When ev'ything is goin' great, de sun is shinin', I git slapped on de back. Boy, when it stahts rainin' trouble, I can't find NOBODY.

Amos---Dat's de way it goes though Andy. Dat's when yo' tell who yo' real friends are.

Andy---I can't tell who my friends is up to now, 'cept fo' you.

Amos---Wait a minute, heah come de Kingfish.

Andy---An' dere's another one I can't tell nuthin' 'bout.

Amos---Come in Kingfish.

Andy---Hello Kingfish.

King---Hello boys, how is yo'? Glad to see yo'.

Amos---Glad to see you too.

Andy---You ain't heerd nuthin' new, is yo'?

King---Well---dey is bettin' down at de lodge two to one dat you is guilty.

Andy---Of whut?

Amos---Who's bettin'?

King---Just some of de good brothers.

Andy---Dere you is. My brothehs bettin' dat I is guilty. I goin' stop payin' my dues down dere.

Amos---Dat's a fine bunch o' friends yo' got down at de lodge hall. Dey bettin' dat you is wrong.

King---Well, it DO look kind-a bad up to now fo' yo', don't it?

Andy---Dere you is---you tryin' to cheer me up too huh?

King---Oh no Andy, I is pullin' fo' yo'.

Amos---Dat's whut ev'ybody say, but I don't know.

King---I wanna tell yo' one thing 'bout dat lawyer you got--when he cross rezamined me de other day, I didn't like de way he act. Whut bizness is it of his how I git my money?

Andy---Yeh, he was wrong 'bout dat, I guess.

Amos---It's one thing dat's in my mind dat I can't git out.

Andy---Whut's dat?

Amos---Why Madam Queen fainted.

King---Maybe she was nervous.

Andy---Yeh, maybe dat's de reason.

Amos---No, dat ain't de reason, I don't think. She had some reason fo' faintin' dere an' dat's why she fainted. I'd like to know why she fainted.

Andy---I was talkin' to a fellow 'bout it, told him dat you was worried 'bout it, an' he thought maybe dat she fainted to make a imprint on de jury.

King---In other words Andy, you mean dat she didn't faint, she just played like she fainted.

Andy---Yeh, dat's it.

Amos---No, she fainted.

Andy---How you know?

Amos---'Cause dey had a doctor dere an' I heard de doctor say dat she was out, 'cause remember when she fell, after she stood up, she hit her head on de side o' dat chair, an' if she was playin' like she fainted, she ain't goin' drop nowhere--she goin' lay down easy.

Andy---Yeh, yo' right. 'Cause M. Smith was standin' right up dere in front of her. He didn't even know whut she was doin'---he let her fall.

Amos---She fainted for some reason.

King---Well anyway boys, yo' know I was talkin' to you Andy yesterday 'bout a deal, an' den I talked to you 'bout it Amos, but you didn't have no time to recuss it 'cause you was goin' in Court.

Amos---Whut yo' talkin' 'bout?

Andy---Yeh, did you recuss sumpin' wid me?

King---Oh yeh, I told you de whole story Andy---I didn't have time to tell Amos ev'ything but Andy, you thought it was a good idea.

Andy---Whut is de deal? I got so many dat I got 'em all balled up.

King---Well, you know you boys is gotta go back in Court Monday an' we don't know how long de trial is gonna last, an' wid both of yo' in Court, an' brother Crawford an' Lightnin' in an' out of de court, you is negligence in yo' bizness.

Amos---Whut?

King---I say to you is negligence in yo' bizness---in other words, you is lettin' it slip.

Andy---Where?

Amos---Whut is yo' talkin' 'bout, neg-lirencin' de bizness.

King---You is negligincin' it.

Andy---Oh.

Amos---You come 'round heah hollerin' Oh. You don't know whut he's talkin' 'bout yet.

Andy---Alright, Amos, I got enough trouble widout you.

Amos---I'll say you is.

King---Well boys, lemme make myself clear---or clearer dan I is.

Andy---Yeh, clear up sumpin' 'round heah. I can't do nuthin'.

King---You remember me talkin' to yo' 'bout you boys couldn't handle yo' bizness an' be in court at de same time-----you remember dat Andy?

Andy---Seems like I is.

King---An' you remember Andy, you told me dat you thought it would be a good idea.

Andy---Who--ME?

King---Yeh, you remember when we wa standin' right outside de court room, you told me dat dat was great----dat my wife could run de lunch room an' handle de money fo' yo', an' I could git somebody to run de taxicab bizness.

Andy---We recussed dat huh?

King---Sho'. You thought we might start Monday.

Andy---Well, whut is YOU sittin' dere fo' Amos?

Amos---I'se just waitin' fo' ev'ybody to git through---den I'll tell yo'.

Andy---Yo' see Kingfish, I don't know. I ain't recussed it wid Amos, an' I don't know whut's on his mind---I don't even know if he's got a mind--but I'se in such a picklement wid ev'ything messed up like it is-----oh well, I'll give up.

King---'Member Andy I is talked to yo' before I went on de witness stand an' I wanted to he'p you, an' you said you wanted to he'p me, so I told yo' 'bout dis deal.

Andy---You ain't got no otheh deal dat I could he'p yo' wid dat's betteh dan dat, is yo'?

King---How does it repeal to you Amos?

Amos---Don't repeal to me noway.

King---Whut yo' mean by dat?

Amos---Well, ain't nobody goin' handle no money o' mine 'cept me--- dat's recludin' ev'ybody---'cept one man an' dat's de man down at de bank.

Andy---I just 'lected Amos on de board o' directors, an' all dat stuff comes undeh him, or 'round him, or sumpin'.

King---It's a clear-cut deal.

Amos---It might be clear cut but I don't want nobody to handle it. I don't want you to git mad, don't want yo' wife to git mad, an' I know both of yo' is alright, but it don't sound good to me.

Andy---You an' de Kingfish figgeh de thing out.

Amos---I done figgered it out.

King---Well, if you boys wanna start neglicencin' yo' bizness, dat's up to you.

Amos---I don't know 'bout dat negligirencin' bizness, but ain't nobody else goin mess wid no money dat's comin' in 'cept me.

King---Well, whut is yo' goin' do if Lightnin' an' Brother Crawford have to go in court at de same time? Dat's de cause of hard times---over-production. You read dat in de paper.

Andy---De Kingfish is right.

Amos---If Lightnin' an' brother Crawford an' de short order cook have to git out dere, we goin' close deplace up till we git back in it.

Andy---Yeh, we betteh do dat Kingfish.

King---Well, alright boys. Yo' makin a mistake but go ahead if yo' wanna.

Andy---Yeh, we'se wrong about it alright---I'll talk it oveh wid Amos again. I'll recuss it wid him.

Amos---Ain't no use to recuss nuthin' wid me. I know whut I goin' do.

King---Well now boys, think it over an' I'll talk to yo' again before Monday--maybe you'll change yo' mind.

Andy---Yeh, we'll do dat.

Amos---I ain't goin' change mine.

King---Well, I gotta git over to de lodge hall another deal, so I'll git in touch wid yo' before Monday.

Andy---Yeh, do dat.

Amos---So long.

Andy---So long Kingfish.

King---So long boys----think it over.

Andy---Well Amos, it's always sumpin', ain't it?

Amos---Dat don't sound good to me.

Andy---Why?

Amos---'Cause we would come back an' look in de ice box an' see all de meat gone, all de eggs gone, an' ev'ything else, an' no money in de cash register, an' de Kingfish would walk in wid a new suit o' clothes on, talkin' 'bout brotherly love.

Andy---If it ain't one thing, it's another---an' Monday will be heah day after tomorrow.