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"AMOS AND ANDY"  
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Andy tries to be brave and yesterday he told Brother Crawford and the Kingfish exactly what he had on his mind but today he feels like he is fighting a losing game and we again find him listening to Amos advise him. We now find the boys in their taxicab office. Andy is talking about taking inventory although his mind is far from business. Here they are:--

Amos---Whut yo' keep readin' DAT letter fo'?

Andy---Dis letteh's from dem lawyehs---Smith & Smith.

Amos---Well, fo'git about it---you ain't gotta see 'em today, is yo'? All yo' do is look at de letteh an' den yo' look over at de beauty shop.

Andy---Well, she done closed up her beauty shop.

Amos---She'll open it up later on, don't worry.

Andy---Den dis letteh heah says "see dem not lateh dan January 10th."

Amos---Well listen, whut is yo' goin' do 'bout inventory?--  
--you talkin' 'bout takin' inventory---whut is yo' goin' do 'bout it?

Andy---Yeh, lemme git my brain back in de bizness I'se in--  
--heah lately I been in de worry bizness.

Amos---Well, whut is we goin' do 'bout dis thing?

Andy---We is gonna count ev'ything at de taxicab office an' at de lunch room an' see where we stand.

Amos---Well, how come we gotta do dat?

Andy---Listen Amos, just 'cause we is havin' a good time now an' ev'ything is goin' alright, don't fo'git dat de income tax is comin' lateh on.

Amos---Well, whut's dat gotta do wid takin' dis inventory?

Andy---At de end of de yeah ev'vy yeah, you know I always

count ev'ything.

Amos---At de end of de yeah?

Andy---Dat is whut we call de end of de fistic yeah.

Amos---Well, how is we gonna count whut we had de end of de year? Today is de 7th of January.

Andy---Whut yo' mean?

Amos---Well, 'spose we count de stuff now---we find out over at de lunch room dat we got 15 cans o' soup an' 2 dozen eggs. How do we know dat we had stuff on de last day o' December?

Andy---Dat's as easy as A-B-C. Now de fust thing yo' do, you-a---you-a- --whut is de question again?

Amos---Say we go over to de lunch room an' we count ev'ything we got in dere an' yo' find out yo' got 15 cans o' soup an' 2 dozen eggs. We was 'sposed to count de stuff on de last day of de year---- how do we know whut we had den?

Andy---Well, it's just like I say---you-a---you-a----well, you take-a-- --it's always sumpin' dat's gotta worry me. I ain't got enough to worry 'bout wid Smith & Smith, you gotta ast me a zample--- an' lemme tell fust of all dat de president of dis comp'ny ain't heah to answeh questions. I is heah to git bizness.

Amos---Well, git bizness an' stop talkin' 'bout countin' de stuff we got.

Andy---Whut yo' mean, stop countin' it?

Amos---Well, we know just about whut we got.

Andy---Whut IS we got?

Amos---Where?

Andy---Whereveh we is got it.

Amos---Well, we kin count it an' find out.

Andy---Dere you is. Well Amos, de strain is too much fo; me.

Amos---Well, let's git down to bizness heah a second an' talk about sumpin'.

Andy---I wanna take inventory.

Amos---Well, take it.

Andy---Dere you is---yo' want me to do ALL de work now. Alright. We won't take it an' when de gov'nor sends his man heah to see whut we got, he kin take YOU to jail. Heah, whut must I do wid dis letteh from Smith & Smith?

Amos---Throw it in de river if yo' wanna.

Andy---Dat's right, YOU git down on me like ev'ybody else.

Amos---Well Andy, it ain't nuthin' I kin do wid yo' 'cept tell yo' one thing.

Andy---Whut's dat?

Amos---Dat's dat you either gotta do some work or stop takin' part of de money.

Andy---I ain't seed no money fo' de last week.

Amos---Well 'round Xmas time our bizness kind-a slowed down a little bit. It's gittin alright now.

Andy---Why is bizness gotta slow down at Xmas time? Look like to me ev'ybody carryin' bundles, Xmas presents, dey would ride in de taxicab.

Amos---De only man dat rid in de taxicab with any bundles 'round Xmas was a man dat had a Xmas tree, an' he broke de windshield wid de Xmas tree.

Andy---Did de resurance comp'ny give yo' anotheh Xmas tree or windshield?

Amos---NO.

Andy---Well, I know we took out resurance---whut kind o' comp'ny is dat?

Amos---We don't git nuthin' on de windshield.

Andy---I 'spose 'cause de windshield is glass, dey won't pay if it breaks. Whut do dey want us to have, a iron windshield dat yo' can't break?

Amos---No, but we got a thing called a hundred dollars reduckable.

Andy---A whut?

Amos---De man say dat our policy is a hundred dollars reduckable.

Andy---Tell him dat's whut we wanna do---reduck our windshield---tell him we don't wanna charge him a hundred dollahs fo' it though--- tell him we'll let him have it fo'-----well, git as much as yo' can git.

Amos---Well, how IS yo' goin' git it, if it ain't due yo'?

Andy---WHO ain't due yo'?

Amos---Well, de thing we got is a policy wid de comp'ny---

Andy---Don't tell ME whut we got Amos---didn't I take it out?

Amos---Take whut out, de taxicab?

Andy---No, de windshie----I mean de automo----I mean de--- how kin two people talk about sumpin' an' git as tangled up as we is?

Amos---YOU is de one dat's messed up.

Andy---Where's dat man dat was gonna rush oveh heah to see us in case anything happens?

Amos---Whut man?

Andy---Dat rejusteh. Talkin' 'bout if de car ketches on fire, we'll have a check befo' de thing cools off.

Amos---Well, you WOULD git a check if de thing caught on fire.

Andy---It's 'gainst de law to set 'em on fire though, ain't it? Dat ain't right.

Amos---Well, it might have some little thing happen like both of us goin' to de penitentiary.

Andy---Well, whut is de reduckable?

Amos---In case sumpin' happen, de resurance comp'ny takes off a hundred dollars first.

Andy---Takes it off o' who?

Amos---Just off.

Andy---I can't git dat letteh off my mind dat I got from

Smith & Smith.

Amos---Fo'git about Smith & Smith.

Andy---Well, let's git back into dis argument about de automobile.

Amos---Well, whut yo' wanna know about it?

Andy---I wanna know whut a hundred dollahs gotta do wid it?

Amos---Fo' a hundred dollahs we could git a new taxicab.

Andy---De man didn't stick a Xmas tree through de taxicab though, did he?

Amos---He come near doin' it though---he knocked off two fenders wid it, an' one headlight.

Andy---Was dis befo' or afteh he broke de windshield?

Amos---Dat was before, but whut difference do it make?

Andy---I'll tell yo'.

Amos---Aftteh he got de Xmas tree on de side of de automotbile, it didn't work dere.

Andy---You don't mean to tell me he was tryin' to decolate it while it was on de side an' light it up or sumpin'?

Amos---No, no---de first thing he done was to knock off de fenders, an' den de headlights. Den he put it on top o' de taxicab an' broke de windshield.

Andy---See I gotta make a REpo't to de resurance comp'ny heah, so I is drawin' a pitcheh o' de accident. Where did it happen?

Amos---On Lenox an' 137th Street.

Andy---(to himself) Lenox an' 1--3--7----(to Amos) Now, which way was de otheh car comin'?

Amos---It WASN'T no other car.

Andy---Oh yeh, dat's right---no otheh car. But dis man was ridin' wid yo' on Lenox.

Amos---NO!

Andy---Well, yo' just got through tellin' me dat he was

ridin' wid yo' at Lenox an' 137th Street.

Amos---No I didn't. Dat's where he broke de windshield. He wouldn't ride wid me. He claims I was knockin' all de branches off of his Xmas tree.

Andy---Who do de resurance comp'ny reduck de hundred dollahs from?

Amos---From de policy.

Andy---Whut is de resurance comp'ny man's name dat sold us dis policy?

Amos---Dere's his card right dere. Mr. Henry H. Smith.

Andy---Well Amos, between de Smith fam'ly an' Madam Queen's doublin' up on de heart beats, an' dis inventory, I'm gonna close up de bizness fo' de day---an' instead o' gitten UNDEH de bed, I'm gonna git IN de bed an' go to sleep.