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"AMOS AND ANDY"
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Yesterday Amos took the witness stand and told his story under direct examination by Attorney Collins. He answered the questions and endeavored to help Andy as much as possible. As the scene opens now we find Amos on the witness stand. Attorney Collins has just completed his direct examination and we find him turning the witness over to M. Smith. The court room is crowded. Here they are:--

COLLINS STARTS

Collins--(cjc) That's all---Cross examine.

Smith--(ffg) I would like to ask you how long you have been in the city of New York.

Amos---We been heah since awa---awa---August 1929.

Smith--(ffg) And you say that you are in the taxicab business and the lunch room business.

Amos---Yessah.

Smith--(ffg) What other business?

Amos---No other bizness.

Smith--(ffg) You mean to say that you never received any money from any other source except the taxicab business and the lunch room business.

Amos---I MEAN I ain't---dat's zackly whut I DO mean.

Smith--(ffg) Do you know if Andy Brown was mixed up in any money matters at the Mystic Knights of the Sea?

Amos---I know dey THOUGHT he was mixed up in it, but he wasn't.

Smith--(ffg) Were you on that committee with Andy Brown when they found a shortage of \$160.00?

Collins--(cjc) I object.

Smith--(ffg) Your honor, that is a fair question. The fact

has already been brought out by the Kingfish of this lodge that the executive committee requested Andy Brown to resign on account of this shortage.

Collins--(cjc) Your honor, this case is being tried on the basis of a breach of promise suit and not an embezzlement.

Amos---Well, I kin 'splain dat whole thing.

Judge--(ffg) One minute please.

Collins--(cjc) If Mr. Smith will allow the witness to explain the circumstances regarding this shortage, I will withdraw my objection.

Smith--(ffg) Alright your honor. Amos Jones, can you explain why they were \$160 short when Andrew Brown was chairman of the finance committee?

Amos---I can't tell you zackly why, but I kin come close to it.

Smith--(ffg) Well, why did they ask Andrew Brown to resign as chairman of this committee?

Amos---'Cause he was chairman of dat committee, an' dey wanted him to dig up de money, an' he couldn't dig it up.

Smith--(ffg) Well, whut do YOU think happened to the money?

Amos---Well, to tell yo' de truth Mister, it ain't none o' my bizness whut happened to it, an' I ain't got no right to say even whut I think, 'cause whut I think I don't know fo' sure, but dey is been losin' money down dere ever since belonged to de thing. When de secketary don't leave town wid it, de treasurer do---an' if dey could git ahold o' all de money dat dey done lost down dere, dey could fix de lodge up pretty good.

Smith--(ffg) I understood you to say that you knew that Andy Brown was engaged to Madam Queen. Is that correct?

Amos---Yessah.

Smith--(ffg) Do you believe that he was sincere in wanting to marry Madam Queen?

Amos---Yessah, I guess he was, but he's wanted to marry so many gals since I knowed him dat I just don't pay no 'tention to him no more.

Smith--(ffg) If he was NOT sincere, why would he ask her?

Amos---I think she talked him into it.

Smith--That is not the question.

Amos---Whut I told yo' is de truth though.

Smith--(ffg) Do you remember, on several nights, when Andy would return to his room, he told you that he loved her?

Amos---Yessah.

Smith--(ffg) And while you slept peacefully all night long, he stayed awake all night thinking about her?

Amos---I don't know.

Smith--(ffg) Well, you were right there.

Amos---Yeh, but I was 'sleep---how could I see him?

Smith--(ffg) Did you ever hear Andy Brown talk to Madam Queen on the telephone?

Amos---Yessah.

Smith--(ffg) Did he call her every day?

Amos---Well, when he didn't call her durin' de day, she would call him. She made it her bizness to talk to him on de telephone ev'vy day.

Smith--(ffg) I didn't ask you that.

Amos---I was just tryin' to let yo' know dat she was after him.

Smith--(ffg) Have you ever heard him call Madam Queen sweet dumpling?

Amos---Yessah. An' I done heerd her call him Ducky Wucky too.

Smith--(ffg) To the best of your knowledge, don't you believe that they were in love with each other?

Amos---Nosah, I don't think she ever loved him. I think she was goin' wid him just to git ev'ything she could out of him.

Smith--(ffg) I didn't ask you that question. And when

you're on the witness stand, you are supposed to answer only the questions you are asked.

Amos---Yessah.

Smith--(ffg) Did you ever see Andrew Brown write Madam Queen a letter?

Amos---Yessah.

Smith--(ffg) Were these love letters?

Amos---Yessah. 'Scuse me Mister, but I hope you ast me one other question.

Smith--(ffg) I will cross examine you the way I want to cross examine you. Jones, you must know that Andy Brown intended to marry Madam Queen and led her to believe that. Otherwise he would not have written those love letters.

Amos---Dat's de questions. He writ dem letters 'cause she ast him to do it, 'cause I believe she wanted sumpin' in black an' white to hold against him.

Smith--(ffg) Your honor, will you please instruct the witness to answer my questions only?

Collins--(cjc) Your honor, the witness is trying to give the court and the jury the truth, and under the fire of a cross examination, it is only natural that the witness will try to bring out points that will assist the court and the jury to ascertain the truth.

Judge--(ffg) The witness will answer the questions asked him only. Mr. Smith, make your questions more definite.

Smith--(ffg) Jones, I want you to answer yes or no. Did Andrew Brown tell you he was going to get married on New Year's day?

Amos---Well, dat's one o' dem questions dat' I'll git in trouble again by answerin'. I CAN'T answer yes or no.

Smith--(ffg) You knew he was planning to get married on New Year's day.

Amos---NOSAH.

Smith--(ffg) Well, you knew that he made a deposit on an apartment, and you know that he made a deposit on an electric refrigerator.

Amos---He didn't do it 'cause he wanted to do it though---
Madam Queen MADE him do it.

Smith--(ffg) (mad) I did not ask you that question. Your
honor, I ask you again to instruct this witness to answer
questions only.

Judge--(ffg) Mr. Collins, will you tell your witness how he
should act on the stand. There will be a short recess of 5
minutes.

Collins--(cjc) Alright Amos, sit down over here.

Amos---Yessah.

Andy---Mr. Collins, can't we git out o' de court room fo' 5
minutes. I'se rebarrased an' ev'ything.

Collins--(cjc) Alright, let's step out in the hall. Come on
Amos.

Amos---Yessah.

Andy---Dis heah's a mess.

Collins--(cjc) Let's go out this door.

Amos---How did I act Mr. Collins?

Collins--(cjc) Very good.

Andy---All dat stuff you told up dere rebarrased me, but I
guess it he'ped me some.

Amos---Yo' cert'ny do git nervous sittin' dere, I know dat
much. Dat man shootin' dem questions at yo'.

Andy---You gotta know yo' stuff when you git up dere.

Collins--(cjc) I want you to stick to the questions
hereafter Amos. I mean by that--just answer the questions
that Smith asks you.

Andy---Dat's whut yo' gotta do Amos, 'cause de fust thing
yo' know you goin' make ev'ybody 'round heah mad---den I
goin' lose. How yo' think it coming out Mr. Collins?

Collins--I can't tell you a thing.

Amos---I'se so nervous I don't know whut to do.

Andy---If dis ain't a picklement, I ain't neveh seed one.

Amos---I gotta git back on dere, ain't I?

Collins--Yes, I'm afraid they're going to call you back for a little while anyway.

Andy---An' when yo' git up dere, don't make 'em mad no more.

Collins--(cjc) Well, it's nothing that they can do with you now that I'm afraid of---but there is one thing that I'm worried about.

Amos---Whut's dat?

Collins--Tomorrow Andy takes the stand.

Andy---Oh--oh.