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FIBBER MCGEE \& MOLLI

For
JOHNSONTS WAX


## FIBEER MCGEE <br> 10-1-46

FIB: Hey...Molly!
MOL: Yes, MOGee?
FIB: What night is this?
MOL: Tuesday.
FIB: WELL TURN THE RADIO ON...QUICK! I WANNA HEAR FRED WARING!
MOL: Yes, but dearie, Fred war-
FIB: COME ON COME ON...IT'S ALMOST TIME...HE'S ON FOR JOHNSON'S WAX.... SWELL MUSIC AND SONE WONDERFUL--WELL, WHADDYE STARING AT NE FOR?
The summer's over - Fred Waring is not on for Johnson's
Wax now.
9. FIB: He isn't? Who is?

MOL: We are.
FIB: Eh? Ohs
WILL: THE JOHNSON WAX PROGRAM - WITH FTBBER MOGEE AND MOLLY؛
ORCH: $\quad$ RIDE - RIDE - RIDE" THEME - FADE FOR:

## OPENING COMMERCIAL

WILCOX: During my years with Fibber McGee and Molly, I've become kind of used to wax. But you know, even today it always seems to me there's a touch of magic in the way wax turns an everyday object into a thing of surprising beauty. Take one of your tables, say. Rivb a little JOHNSON'S PASTE WAX on it, polish it lightly, and right before your eyes that table becomes a shining, richly polished treasure. The whole sursace glows brightly, and the grain of the wood is clear and lovely. All through your home you'll find that JOHNSON'S WAX performs similar miracles. In every room wax-polished floors take on $\vec{a}$ mellow sheen that adds enormously to their appoarance. JOHNSON'S WAX does wonders fon youn furniture, too, and greatiy enriches the looks of things like window sifls, book ends and leather articles. And think what a great , comfort it is to you to kncw that JOHNSON'S WAX is constantly on duty to guard against dirt, wear and spilled things. I hope you'll use it regularly... you'll be really pleased if you do. JOHNSON'S WAX......Paste, Liquid or Cream.

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NOL, Now don't you worry about the screens, sweetheart. They'll wait till you get well.
Maybe - maybe this is a lingering illness... maybe we better hire somebody to take lem down.
Nonsense. I won't have anybody olattering around here , while youlre not well. Glass of water, Pet? No....no thanks. Light me a cigar, willya? I ain't got. the strength to strike a match.
MOL: No. No oigars. Not if I have to light 'om. It'd be silly for BOTH of us to bo sick. Besidos, Dótor Gamble is on his way over, and he'd be VERY annoyed if he found you smoking a cigár.

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IB：I＇ll stick it under the pillow when he comes．
in the year－－
DOC：$\because$ OH，STOP IIL I DONIT TANT YJUR HISTORY．I WANT YOUR SXMPIONS：Nevor mind－when did you start feeling like

I see．He swallowed one of his own oigars and lived several days．You don＇t need me．You want Robert Ripley． Tell me，Wonder－Man，what was the occasion for this panatella picnic？
We were listening to the Louis－Mauriello prize fight， Doctor．．．
FIB：Yeah．．．and when Maurielle come to the miorophone afterwards and made his speech，I－well，I gulped my butt．

MOL：
Have you eaten anything unusual，McGe日 I mean aside from your usual eccentric menu of chili con carne；malted milks and chocolate doughnuts？

Nope。

A cigar？HE ATE a cigar？
－Well，technically I wouldn＇t say，I ate it，Doc．I just swallowed it．

One of your regular brand？
Yes，it was，Doctor．

I was so fascinated by MoGe日＇s expression，I never did hgar what Mauriello said．
re－1adoc muld：I am happy to report，my boy，that you have the healthy pulse of a brewery horse．But I don＇t like your color．
If you don＇t like it now，you should have seen it the night he swallowod the cigar．He was about the color of a bookkeeper＇s eyeshade．




## (REVISED) - 10

MOL: What on earth is Benefrenia? I never heard of $1 t$. FIB: Of course you haven't. I'm gonna invent it as soon as I get up and around again. Gonna make a concentrated essence of plain grass.
MOL: GRASS 8

FIB: Yup, What's one of the strongest animals? A hopse.

* What does a horse eat? Grass. What animal is always calm.... never nervous? A cow. What does a cow eat? Grass. Look at a dog. Intelligent animal. When a dog feels sick what does he do? Goes and eats scme grass. How about it?
MOL: A wonderful 1dea. Three spoonfuls of that and you can pull a wagon, chase automobiles and sell your hide to a tannery.
FIB: NO, I'M serious. I think grass is.......HEY IS THAT ALARM CLOCK RUNNING?
NOL: Yes jes yes....calm younself....I'll see that - Oh, look who's coming, MCGe日 - thie girl from the beauty parlor. I wonder what she -


## DOOR CHIME:

MOL: You could run upstairs, dearie, 'if you don't foel like talking。
FIB: (WEAKLY) No, I'Il stay....omuss my hsir up a littlo....
I wanna look restless....tranks.
NOL: CONE IN:
DOOR OPEN: CLOSE:
It' oust I, Mrs. McGeo....Elsio Fladtoon from the wistful Vista Saloon of Beauty.

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MOL：Oh，heavenly daysoo．odo come in，Elsie．This is my husband．MoGee，this is Miss Merkle，from the beauty parlor．
Howjado，Miss Merkle。
Very pleased to meet your acquaintance，I！m sure．Any husband of Mrs．MoGeo＇s is a friend of mine，I always say．But the reason why I come over，Nies．McGee was you left your compack in the shop yestiddy．So I brung it over because a girl without a compack is like a ship without a udder．

| MOL： | I think you mean RUDDER，E1sie。 ．．． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FIB | Not necessarilyoo．0I was on a cattleboat once and |  |
| MOL： | taking the trouble，to bring back my compacto |  |
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| BEA： |  | It was a dis |
|  |  | take＝－－－－－－ |
| SOUND： | ， | ATARM CLOCK |

## FIB：

HEY \＆．。MY PILL \＆．．．．MOLLY \＆．．．．A PLACEBO \＆．．．QUICK \＆．．．．．HAND

SOUND：GULP ．．GLASS BACK ON TABLE．
MOL：
Right on the dot，McGee \＆Now I＇ll set the clock for another half hour．
BEA：Gee，does a minute make so much diffrunce，taking a pill，Mr．McGee？
FIB：It does in my case，sis．The doctor says NOT 29 MINUTES AFTER，OR 32 MINUTES AFTER．．．BUT EVERY HALF HOUR．．．．ON THE BUTTON．When you＇re takin＇placebos， you don＇t monkey arounds
Our doctor says he doesn＇t prescribe them very often， Elsio．
I＇M a special case．Probably be wrote up in the Medical Journals，like the woman in Arkansas who had four children and a fox terrier－－

BEA：GRACIOUS HEAVENS．．．．
FIB：She had four children，and a fox terrier used to sit by their cribs and rock＇em with his paw．You gotta go now，Sis？
BEA：Yes，thank you．My next client for a henne rinse is Miss Fifi Mromajne and I and her always have so much to talk about like for instance what Gloria Gotlots did when the fella she married turned out to be a smuggler．
HEAVENLY DAYS．．．．A SMUGGLER？

## No, a snuggler. He was snuggling with the housomald

 and the seamstress and what I know about that family would f111 a book that would stop the circulation in a circuiatin' 11 berryo well, I hope you get well, Mro MOGOO. GOOdbye.

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 Er....and the strange thing that happened. Mr. Wilcoxs. Yeah.oget with it, Waxey. Skip the part abcut how you just apply Carnu, let it dry and wipe it off for a show-room shine that you can see your happy little face in. And we know how it cleans and polishes in one teentsy weentsy application. Now goonsRead that again, Dearie。
FIB: Eh? Oh§ Now go on, Junior. (Words were run together
Well, a few minutes later, when they tried to raise the anchor it was fouled on something. When we finally got it up, it was dragging a muddy, rusty dripping old Mexwell oempe.
Heavenly dayss..did it have a violin lying on the front seat?
No, but quick as a flash I turned to Jose and said..." NNOW THER色 IS ONE OF THE FEW CARS I EVER SAW THAT JOHNSON'S CAR NU COULDN'T DO MUCH FOR!"

## (PAUSE).

FIB:
Well, go on, Waxey, Get to the point.
That's all. But I thought it was rather interesting that , we should have just peen talking about carnu before this thing happened.: See? Rather a startilng coincidences That story, Mr. Wilcox, had all the dramatic impact of . a ketchup labels script writer, Junior. I'll send you over. You tell about as dead an anecdóte as I ever heard.

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WIL:

FIB:
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DOOR SIAM:
FIB: That guy can be duller than a dime store ohisels...He oughta-- Hey...don't go awayl Where you goin'?
I simply must go upstairs and sort the laundry, deario. If you want anything, just pound on the wall or something. And if the alarm clock goes off, take your placebo, quickly.
Okay...but don't be gone long.... I might have an oclipse.
You're just envious because interesting things The word is RELAPSE, sweetheart. An eclipse is a toirm used in astronomy and you don't have a heavenly bodyoie just a cute one (FADE OUT) Now be a good boy and take jour pill when the bell rings.
FIB: OKAY. Ahhh, there goes a good kidi And what a nurses Only thing Florence Nightingale had that she hasnit got, is a bustle. If I wanted ohili con carne and wafiles for supper tonight, she'd cook 'em for me, sick as I amó And, sick as I am, that's what I want. By George when sheim DOOR CHIME8
FIB: HEY, MOLLY8.0...SOMEBODY AT THE DOOR. (PAUSE) HEY.... MOLLY\& Oh welloooocone INi
DOOR OPEN: OLOSE
TEE: Hi, mister.
FIB; Oh hello there, Teenyo Better not get too olose to meo Ifm a sick man.
TEE: Okay. Hey, I rode in a airplane this summer, mister. FIB: You did oh?
TEE: Emmm
FIB: I seys you $d$ id, oh?
TEE8 Did what?
FIBs You rede in an airplane this summer. $\qquad$
airplanes. It was the first time I ever ridod in one. Not rided, Teony. RODE. It's the past. tense of the subjunctive, taking a plural object in the participle. Gee, is it really? Anyway, there were so many clouds, they hode the ground so we couldn't oven see it, I betcha. Please sis... not HODE the ground... HID the ground. Scuse me. But gee, mister wes I ever exaited when the airplane div. Oh boy it div fast!
Dove, sis.
Boy it Dove fast: Criminy! And whon we arrove home ARRIVED.

When we arrived home, and drived up the droveway...
, DROVE UP THE DRIVEWAY.
Sure. When we drove up the driveway and (PAUSE) Look, Mister.
Eh?
Look, .are you gonina be 'busy about Janyary 15 th8
Mg gooh, stor. nownido Inrow? January 15 th is a long way off. Whyja ask?
TEE: I'm comin' over and tell you a story. .
FIB: WELL FINE \& BE GLAD TO HEAR IT TEENY BUT WHY JANUARY 15th in particular?
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## Because the way you butt in and interrupt and everything, itlll be a nawful cold day when I tell you anything agains so long, mistors

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TEE;
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## DOOR STAM:

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ORCH: "I GOT THE SUN IN THE MORNING"
INTERRUPT SHARPLY WITH ALARM CLOCK RTNG:
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MCGEE: QUICK&.o.NI PLACEBO& ..WHERE'S THE WATERS
            OH.
    SOUND: CLINK.O.GULP..GGLASS BACK ON TABLE:
    FIB: - Okay, Billy
ORCH: FINISH SELECTION
APPLAUSE
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OH.
SOUND: CLINK.0.GULP O.OGLASS BAGK ON TABLE; FINISH SELECTION

APPLAUSE

MOL: Feeling all right, McGee? Are those placebos helping any?

FIB: My gosh, they're marvelous, Molly. Where Doc Gamble digs up these mysterious drugs, I'll never know. MOL: No, you won't... I was going to ask him, but you never get any real information out of doctors.
FIB: Nurses, oither. If you ask a nurse what your temperature is, she gives you that toothy smile and says, "WELL, SHALL WE HAVE OUR SPONGE BATH NOW?" That always embarrasses me, somehow. Shall WE have OUR bath now! MOL: Sounds like the Municipal plunge. Well, you need anything?
FIB: No thanks. Just be sure the alarm clock is running. Don't wanna miss my next pill time。 Doc emphasized that DOOR CHTME:

MOL: COME IN
DOOR OPEN:
MOL:
OLD Li:
3. FIB: HELLO THERE, DAUGHTER...HI, JOHNNY.

OLD M:

Hi, old timer-
SIMATTER WITH YOU - GOT THE PIP?

FIB: (WEAKLY) I dunno what I got oxactly, 01d Timer. Just sick, is all. Gotta take one of these pills every half hour on the dot. Not 29 minutes after --
-- or thiriy-two minutes after --
BUI RIGHI ON THE HALF HOUR. Shows you how potent this stuff is. Can't give it a minute oither way.
Well, it sure hurts me to see a fline healthy boy like you laid up, Johnny. Personally, nover had s sick day in my life。
Really? Never a siok day?
OLD M: Never a sick day. But I've sure put in some horrible nights, kids. Though, since I moved to my new boardin' house, I waik six miles before breakfast every morning. No kiddin'? Six miles before breakfast? Where do you go? Bathroom, down the hall. Mebbe ainit exactly six miles, but dogged if it don't seem like it, through them cold. halls. Then, after I take my ice cold shower--

FIB: Heavenly days, Old Timer, you shouldn't take ice cold showers... it's too much of a shockd
Daughter, it ain't half the shock it'd be if the dump ever had some hot water.

I guess most boarding houses are the same, old fimer. When I was in vaudeville with my old pardner,
Fred Nitney, from Starved Rock, Illinois, we stayed in some pretty fantastic places, believe mo. To this day, my right arm is two inches longerin my left.



GALE: No, MoGeo..I。. ah....I...well, since I saw you last, I have become a....I have fallen in....err...that is to say... (PAUSE) there is a woman!
FIB: Well, spray me with DDT, I'M crawling with curiosity? Who's the Iucky chick, Chuck?
GALE: The lady is Mss Fifi Tremayne. An actress. MOL: FIFI TREMAYNE.: 1 HEAVENLY DAYS..ISNT THAT THE GIRL DOCTOR GAMBLE USED TO BE SO MAD ABOUT?
GALE: I believe Doctor Gamble is still interested in Miss Tremayne。 Doc know joulre datin: this babo, budi

We three have gone places togethor several times. Usually to some place where there is dancing, at my suggestion. I am an excellent dancer. Doctor Gamblo is not. BUI, nover mind me. What seems to be the trouble with you, MoGee?
Just a little upset or something, Mr. Mayor. Your rival in love was here a little while ago to see him. You know what he gimme, La Triv? Placebos\& PLACEBOS? Not really?
You lonow what they are, Nir, Mayor?
Yes...jes, I do. I thinle. This is very interesting. You said it; kiddod I gotta take one every half hour. Not at 29 minutes --

Not at 32 minutes, but .-
EVERY HALF HOUR ON THE NOSE $c$, $t$ the alarm clock here so I won't miss.

I have very great admiration for Doctor Gamble as a physician, and if ho gave jou plácebos, I imagine thatis exactly what four condition demands: Have you a dictionary?
Sure, La Triv. Over your shoulder there on the book shelf. Right between the Rover Boys in Southem Waters and How to Build 20 Sailboats.
We also have Five Little Peppers and How They Grew, but himself here is pressing some neckties in it. Got it, Mr. Mayor?
NicGee - 10/1/46 CLOSIIVG COMMERCIAL

VIL: Has this ever happened to you? You're visiting a friend's house and eventiually you drift back into the kitchen... and there on the floor is the sort of linoleum surface you'vo always dreamed about. It has a beauitifully smooth lustre, free from dirt and stains, and its colors are bright and fresh. Ask your friend and chances are shelll tell you the only thing she uses on that ldtchen floor is JOHNSON'S SELF-POLISHING GIO-COAT. When sho spills something, or dirt tracks in, she simply wipes the floor with a damp cloth and right away it's beauciful again. What actually happens is thet GIO-COAT forms a tough shining coat of wax which keops ailrt and spliled things away from the surface of the floor - keops it bright and new-looking years longer. Of counse, JOHNS ON'S GIO-COAT is easy to uso...therets no rubbing or buffing. Twenty minutes after you have applied it, your linoleum and other floors are ready to walk on and beautifully wax polished. Try it, won't you? JOHNSON:S SELF-POLISHING GLO-COAT. YOu'll like it.

ORCH: $\qquad$

FIB: Hey, Molly....Doc Gamble was just here again. And you know what he said?
MOL: No, what did he say?

FIB: He says I got the worst case of whims he'd ever seen. Says I got 'em chronic.
Heavenly days...is he going to operate?
" FIBBER M CGEE
for

Johnson's.
we better try diet first.
What kind of a diet?
No Moose meat.
THAT, I can arrange \&
Goods Goodnight.
Goodnight, all!
MOL:
APPLAUSE:
ORCH:
"RIDE RIDE RIDE" - FADE FOR:
WILCOX: The makers of Johnson's Vax Products for home and industry have brought you Fibber McGee and Molly, with Bill Thompson, Bea Benadaret, Arthur Q. Bryan and Gale Gordon. The script was by Don Quinn and Phil

- Leslie; This is Harlow Wilcox, inviting you to be with us again next Tuesday night. Goodnight!


## ORCH: RIDE RIDE RIDE UP AND OUT

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(CHIMES)

