-WRITERS: DON QUINN PHIL DESIIE

"FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY"


To whom are you writing to?
Makin' out a couple of checks. I'm strictly the type guy that likes to keep his credit good. And some of these bills are six months old.
What about the light bill?
What about it? We just got that bill a few days beforé, Christmas. Besides, they got plenty of dough. I read in the paper last night where they'd just passed a dividend.
McGee, I simply don't know how you keep up with financial affairs like that. With all the things you have to do during -----

IFRN: 'FADES IN - SINGING) My, isn't this a lovely day, everybody so cheerful and all ${ }_{-1}$ (IAUGHS)
Yes - are you getting along all right in the kitchen, Iena? Is there anything you need?
IHNA: No - I'm right in the middle of washing those dishes and I thought I'd better see if you've got a dictionary. I just know you have - you both being so educated and all.

FIB:

LEMA: what it means, if -
Oh no, I don't want to look anything up, Mr. McGee! My gracious, I have trouble enough remembering all, the words I know now, without taking on any new ones!
FIB:
IEENA:

## MOL:

IENTA:

LIMNA:
FIB:
LEHNA:

But why didja want to know about the dictionary, then? The way I look'at it, Mr. McGee, when a girl wants to get away from that kitchen sink for a few minutes - one excuse is as good as another.
I'll go along with that, Lena.
I'm real comfortable out there, though, with that stool to sit on, and all. I don't stand up any more than I have to lately, since Dr. Gamble pulled those three teeth.
Dr. Gémble pulled three teeth?
Out of my leg.
HE PUL工FD THREE THHMTH OUT OF YOUR LEG?
Yes..a dog bit me...It was an old dog and his teeth were loose. Two incisors and a bicuspid. The dog was a German Sheep-herder, I do believe. wasn't mad, Lena.
IEATA: No - but I sure was! (IAUGHS) Although I shouldn't have been - he was just trying to be accomodating, really. Accommodating?? Takin' a bite out of you?? Yes, I was giving myself a singing lesson and I was having a little trouble with some of the notes - but when he sumk his teeth in my leg I hit a high $C$ that broke three windows in the dining room! (IAUGYS) Well, somebody has to finish those dishes - and I know who! (FADES, SINGING)
(FAUSE) She's awfully fond of music, isn't she, McGee? She's awfully fond of her own singing - I'll go that far with you. But hey, I gotte get these checks signed if I can get this dadratted fountain pen to stop leaking all over --

| SOUND: DOOR CHIME |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| MOR: | COME IN! |
| SOUND: | DOOR OPENT |

 have two Cadillacs, a new x-ray machine and a mild heart attack.

If you weren't such an impractical, soft-headed business man Dopey, you'd hand your bills over to a collection agency. For fifty percent of the take they'd -- (PAUSE) Hey...wait a minute. How much dough you figure you got coming?
Locally, I'd say about eleven thousand. About nine thousand two hundred of which is uncollectible, for various reasons.
That's still 18 hundzed dollars. Why did you ask, McGee? Because I'm gonna show old Slow-ball here' how to collect his accounts. HOW ABOUY IT, WHISTLE-STOP? GIMME HALF IF I COIJECT IT?
Why not? What can I lose? If you only collect enough to pay your own bill, it!ll be sheer velvet.

Mçee... you mean you're actually going to go around town and try, and collect the 0ld Doctor's bills - er., the Doctor's ola bills?
Every nickle of 'em Snooky!
Don!t be too optimistic, Dreamboat. You are up against the prize deadbeats of all, time. They can take a hint like Firohito took San Frencisca
Don't sell Mcfee short, Doctor. He's had a lot of experience in bilil collecting. He's always been on the other end of it, of course, but he knows the technique.

FIB: Migosh, this is easy money, Molly! We've collected 29 bucks already. Here's the next one-. O. HIDNARD PRIIE. HOUSE CAIJ. FIVE BUCKS.
MOL: Got an argumant ready, dearie?
FIB: I'M thae type guy that's AINAYS got an argument ready. One yap out of this. patsy and I'll threaten him with a writ of Irammis Mortamus.
MOL: Heavenly days.... what an earth is Trammis Mortanius.
FIB: I dumno. I made it up. But just mention the word "WRIT" to the average guy and he folds up like a carpenter's Jardstick. Come on.
SOUAD: FOOISTEPS UP ON FORCH, DOOR KNOCK:
MOL: What's that in your hand.
FIB: Fhoney police badge. Says "CHICKEN INSFECTOR" on it, but I only let 'em see the edge of 1 t . They never ---
SOUND: DOOR OPEN
MAN: : YES?
MOL: Get your writ ready, officer.
FIB: Hiya, bud. You Mr. Price?
MAN: Yes.
FIB: Well, I represent Dr. Gemble, apd
MAN: $\smile$ DR. GAMBIE!.......SAY, IF YOURE A FRIEND OF HIS, WILL YOU GIVE HIM THIS FIVE DOIJARS? I WON 'T HAVE A CHANCE TO SEEE HIIM, AND I IVE OWED HINX TFITS FOR A LONG TINE.
MOL: Well!.......Thank you very nuch.
(2ND REVISION) -13-
MOL: We're not looking for rooms. We're collecting bills, for Doctor Gemble.
WOMAN: THIAT QUACK! !. .I DON'T OWE HIM 12 DOLIARS AND HE KNOWS IT.
FIB: How'd you know the amount was 12 bucks if you don't owel it?
WOMAN: - HE WAS PASSING BY WHEN MY TWINS WERE BORN IN Á TAXICAB. I DIDN'T ASK HIM TO HELP. AND. TF HE THINKS THEY'RE ONLY WORTH SIX DOLIARS APIECE I HATE HIM 24 HOURS A DAY.
SOUND: DOOR SLAM

ORCH: WILITAM TELI
SOUND: FOOTSTEPS UP ON PORCH
MOL: . Now who do we dun, Mr. Bradstreet?
FIB: Lemme look at the list....this is the eddress right here. MY GOSH. THIS IS WHERE WILCOX LIVES!

MOL: HARLOW Wilcox?
FIB: : Y Yeah... He owes Gemble four bucks. This is gonna be a

- pleasare! Migosh, I wonder if Racine knows he's running head over heels into debt like this!
MOL: Oh. I'd hardly calli four dollars head over heels.
FIB: It ain't the amount...it's the principle of the thing.
DOOR KNOCK: DOOR, OPEEN:
WIL: Good day. What can I ...OH... HELLO, MOLLY. HELLO PAL. .. CONE ON IN!

FIB: Heven't got time, thenks.
MOL: This is business, Mr. Wilcox.
FIB: Yes, I just told my wife I bet you'd pay up and be writ off the list. Nuch obliged
Not at all.
SOUND: DOQR SLAM; FOOTSTIEPS DOWN OFF PORCH. ...ON SIDEWALK... SUSTAIN
MOL: He took the wind out of your sails like lightning had struck the mast.
If it's all gonna be this easy, it won't be any fun. inirty-four bucks collected already without a stiuggle. Well, we still have to collect 17 hundred and 66. And that, as the elephant said when he ate the snuff and sneezed, afnt hay fever. Where next?
Right here. I sorted the bills so the calls would be closè together, - , $\sim$, \%
FIB: FOOTSTIEPS UP ON FORCH: DOORBELL OFF:
-SOUND
( $T 0$ HIMSEEIF) MRS", AGATHA TRIBBY. 12 bucks. Office calls. This -

## SOUND: DOOR OPEN

WOMAN: HOW MANY TIMES I GOT TO TESL YOU I GOT NO ROONS TO RENT? I DON 中 SO MI HUSBAND WOUID THINK I WAS MAKING SOME MONEY, AND COME HONE. AND THEE MINUTE HE SMICKS HIS BEG RED NOSE IN THIS DOOR, I'M GOING TO--
FIB: Hold it, sis. Don't get your housedress in a hassel.

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WIL: Good day. What can I ...OH... HELLO MOLLY. HELLO PAL... COME ON IN!
FIB: Haven't got time, thanks.
MOL: $\sim$ This is business, Mr. Wilcox.

Junior.....this is a painful thing for me to say... But I hate to see a young man like you deceiving the company ${ }^{2}$ you work for. After all...they have confidence in you, and -
WHAT ARE YOU TAIKIING ABOUT?
Your debts, Mr. Wicox.
WHAT DEBTS?
Don't try to brazen it out, Junior. We ire your friends. We went to help you. Every young man makes mistakes. Maybe you just got in with fast company. Maybe it all started innocent...matching pennies, or something. Then you started putting a shot of lemon in your coke...not realizing that you were on the dowmward path. We realize that thiese things can -
OH, FOR PEIE 'S SAKE. .WIIL YOU TFLL ME WHAT THIS IS ALT」 ABOUT? I DON 'I OWE ANYBODY A NICKEL!
Please. Mr. Wilcox! How about your account with Doctor Gamble?
. Four dollars, Junior. Last July 19th. Let me see that. Give it to him, deariè. $\therefore$ ?
$\therefore$ a Her, Boy. Just give us a reasonable explanation and four dollars and we'll hush the matter up. We realize... 1 IHIS IS NOT A BIHय!
WHAT?
LOOK AT IT. It seys "MEMO: PAY HARIOW' WITFOX FOUR
? DOLIARS, BALANCB ON GTOCOAT OBDER."

Well, I'Il be a ..HOW'D THAT GET IN WITH THESE BIIIS? We apologize, Mr. Wilcox.
Oh that's all right, folks. I remember the incident very well. I was in Doc's office one day, and, I commented on how shabby his linoleum was getting. I tola him to use some Johnson's Self-Foilishing Glocoat on it. He said hie office girl didn't have time. I told him it didn't take any time. Four a little out, I said, and spread it around, and in 20 minutes or less it-would -Olayy, son. . okay. . . we know all about the $-\sqrt{ }$
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OFF HE LOVED IT. Y: THAT GLOCOAT MADE HIS OFFICE LOOK ITKE IT HAD BEEEN REFFURNISHED. . . FAIRIY SFARKIIED. . . .WEIL, SIR DȮC WAS SO TICKIED HE ORDERED A CASE OF GLOCOAT RIGHT AVAY. THIS MEMO WAS TO FANT THE BAIANCE OF THE BIIL.
Okay, Waxey. I'm sorry. Come on, Molly. We'd better go and -
WAITI A MINUTE:
Whet is it, Mr. Wilcox. What do you want?
Four bucks.
VIEAT?
DOC OWES ME FOUR BUCKS. Says so right here. Come on. This is a painful thing for me to say, boy, but if the company knew you were holding out payments they'd -

GIVE IT TO HIM, MCGEE...FOR GOODNESS SAKES !
Okay. I, know when I'm licked. Here, Waxey. Four dollars Thanké. You know what I'm going to do now?
What?
Go home. OH. .I AM HOME S So long.
DOOR SLAM:
OFCH: $\qquad$
SOUND:

FOOTSTEPS UP ON PORCH:
Whors this, MicGee?
Bill says "WOLF WATSON." 35 bucks. Wowiathis is a big onef My cut of that is 17.50

## DOO: KNOCK: DOOR OPEN:

Good day, sir.
Collectors, bud. Got a bill against you for 35 bucks.
Account with Dr. Gamble. Gonna pay up or do I slap you with a writ of Trammis Mortamus? SHHH If..take it easy, Mac. My wife's just inside. (LOWERS VOICE) DOn't you owe this bill, sir? What's it for? I don't remember.
Office treatiments, bud. For a ilpstick allergy. OH CRIMINY ! ! . .HERE ! . . .HERE'S FIFPY. . .BUY A CIGAR!. .CO ON. . BEAT IT !

Your what, Wimp?
My Bird Book. Won't you came in? We can sit on the floor in the dining room. That's soft pine.

No thank you, Mr. Wimple. We're out collecting bills for Doctor Gamble.
Got Lancelot Eisenhower Dempsey down for 22 bucks, Wimp. Oh gracious...I forgot all about that. That was for setting my broken arm the time Sweetyface twisted it because I did something naughty.
Whatja do, kid?
Well, she put on her slacks one day -- although why they call them slacks on her, I'll never know (CHUCKES) but, anyhow, she had them on and she was doing her Yogi exercises and hed her anklos crossed behind her head, and I taped them together with edhesive tape. Then I stood well back and made faces at her.

How on earth did she get loose agein?
She rolled across the room-and knocked the telephone off the hook.

FIB: Celled the police, eh?
WIMP: - Yes. (IAUGAS) But they didn't enswer. I'd cut the wires. An aluminum salesman cut her loose two days later, after ho gave her a cooking demonstration first. - I hid here for two whole weeks that tinie. Mr. Wimple... I don't like to be inquisitive, but how did you happen to marry a women like that? I didn't, she married me. She asked me one night, "CAar YOU COOK, WALIACE." And I said, "WELL, I CAN MAKE FUDGE", and she said, "I THINK I'LL MARRY YOU ANYWAY." And I said no, dear, I vaid.... YBUT YOU CAN BE A SISTHR TO ME"!. And she said, "YOU THINK SO, - BROTHER?!" and the next thing I knew we were on our honejmion. You won't tell her I live here under enother neme will you?
MOL: . Of course not, Mr. iWimple.
WIMP: Here - here's Dr. Gamble's 22 dollars, Mr. McGee. FIB: Thenks. How'd you ever think up "IANCELOT EISENHOWER DEMPSEY?" Wimp?
Oh it just appealed to-me.... somehow....it's such a BRAVE name. Remember now ...don't tell!
SOUND: DOOR SLAM
ORCH R KING'S MENV: "THE IEADER DOESN'T LIKE MUSIC" APPLAUSE

I'm getting tired, McGee. My calves feel old enough to have calves of their own.
Gettin' kinda bushed myself, tootsie. How much dough we got so far?
One hundred and 2 dollars. 51 of it is yours.
Not bad...not bad! You realize that's twenty thousand a. year? Remind me to have ice cream on my ple for lunch. My standard of living has been too low. -
Take it easy, pet. After all, this isn't.... OH THERE'S MAYOR LA TRIVIA..... YOO HOO......MR. MAYOR!!! HIYAH, LA TRIV.
(FADE IN) Hello, there, what are you doing in this end of town?
Collecting old bills for Doctor Gamble, your honor. Any success?
Well, the old bone-bender is still in the same tax bracket, La Triv. But we've said hello to some money he'd kissed goodbye.
Say, speaking of kisses, Mr. Mayor (COYLY) How is Miss Tremayne these days?
Fine, thank you. I just saw her a few minutes ago, bless sher-little red head.
RiED head. I thought she was a brunette.
I thought she was a blonde.
She. er...she was. Both. But she has chance to appear in e now play and she's been experimenting a-little with her hair.

That's what I like...a convertible top. Will she go to Hollywood, Mr. Mayor?
MOL:
GALE:
I hope not.
FIB: So does Doc Gamble. She still got both your piqtures glaring at each other on top of the pisno?
GALE: Well, I must say that Doctor's photo has a certain menacing expression, but mine is rather pleasant, I think. Mine is smiling.. like Don Ameche.
Donna: Who?
MOL: Don Ameche. Who's she? It isnt a she. It's a he. DON....AMECHE'. He pláyed Alexander Graham Bell.
MOL: Really? What did they play?.... And who won?
GALE: THEY DIDN'T PIAY ANYTHING. AND NOBODY WON. THAT IS, IT $\rightarrow$ WAS A MOVING PICTURE AND AMECHE PLAYED BELL! You mean the telephone Bell?
YES. I mean he played the part of the man who invented the telephone.
MOL: Which part of the man did he play? The head and shoulders, I presume?
GALE: HE PLAYED ALC OF HIM:......I MEAN THE CHARACTER WAS -ANECHE IMPERSONATED THE.... (PAUSE) Oh NO.

GAIE: -
Not today. I'm much too busy. Belleve me, MoGee, this
is so -- so-
So silly?
No - SO LONG!



Gled to meet any wife of Fibber McGee's. You remember me,

CLOSING COMMERCIAL (For all but So, Calif, Arizona, Fla.)
WIL: Fibber and Molly will be back in just a moment.
(PAUSE)
WIL: Here's something that may surprise you. Do you realize that when you brighten your kitchen floor with JOHNSON'S SEHF POLISHING GLO-COAT you are using the most popular of all no-rubbing floor polishes? All over the country GLO-COAT way outsells all other self-polishing floor waxes. There are many reasons for this. Most important to you, perhaps, is the really bright shine you get with JOHNSON'S GLO-COAT, without any rubbing or buffing... a shine so bright you can always count on maximum beauty for your linoleum and other floors. With GLO-COAT you also get that wonderfully tough wax protection, which adds so greatly to the life of your linoleum...makes it so easy to keep it sparkling clean. And GLO-COAT is so perfectly blended that it never streaks, is always smooth and even. Itst quality is completely uniform. Try it. Discover for yourself why more women buy JOHNSON'S SKLF-POITSHING - GLO-COAT than any other floor polish!

ORCH: $\quad$ SWHT工 MUSIC: FADE FOR:
owner who keeps his automobile looking a little better
than anyone else? Maybe it's you m maybe yours is that
shiny car that sits proudly in front of the house. In
that case, you've probably discovered JOHNSON'S CARNU.
It's easy with CARNU to keep your car clean and polished-
looking all the time. .easy because CARNU really does two
jobs at onee...both cleans and polishes with one
application. CARNU is a liquid. You simply apply it with
a cloth, rubbing only hard enough to loosen the dirt. You
let CAFNU dry to a white powder, a nd then when you wipe
this powder off you get the surprise of your life. All
that old dirt and road grime have simply vanishod and the
Inish has a polish to bo proud of. With CARNU you'll
find it easier to keep your car shining, too -- dirt can't
readily get a foothbld on the smooth, pollshed surface.
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spelled $C-A-R-N-U$.

