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WILCOX: You know, I doubt if anything adds so much rich beauty to a home as mellow wax-polished floors. A waxed floor is so beautifully smooth, so lustrous, and its shining cleanliness sets off your furnishings to such perfect advantage. Of course, for real wax-polished perfection, nothing can equal genuine JOHNSON'S WAX. Most of the . . .
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WILCOX: - THERE ARE THREE SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION. THE RIGHP SIDE, THE WRONG SIDE, AND THE SIDE FIBBER MCGEE IS ON. LISTEN TO HIS INIERPRETATION OF WORLD EVENTS WHILE HE READS THE EVENING PAPER TO HIS WIFE, AS WE JOIN.......
.......FIÉBER MCGEF AND MOLLY!
APPLAUSE:
SOUnD:
(RAITITE OF PAPER)
MOL: What was that again, about the Greek situation, dearie?
FIB: I says, if General Marshall would listen to me, it would be' cleared up before you could say scat. All they gotta do is give 'em sixty billion dollars for new schools, so they can learn English.
MOL: And why should the Greeks learn to speak English?
FIB: My gosh, who can understand Greek?
MOL: A good question! What's the local news?
FIB: Well, lemme see... (RATILES PAPER) Here's a story about old MacDonald of the Third National Bank. It's a success story.
MOL: I understand Mr. MacDonald started life as a simple country boy.

FIB: SIMPLE COUNTRY BOY, MY CLAVICLE! If he ever milked anything besides a trust fund, I'd like to have a picture of $1 t, 8$ by 10 , glossy!
MOL: Well, he's a prominent aitizen, McGee, and lots of people will be interested in that story.

FIB: THERE'S PROMINENI CIIIZENS WITH MORE INCERES'RING STORIES THAN HIS. THOSE SOCKS YOU'RE DARNING WEREN'T WORN OUI BY ANY HOBO, YOU KNOW!

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FIB: I dunno, but I got my suspicions.
MOL: What do you mean?
FIB: Remember that painting: "The Spirit of ${ }^{17} 6^{\prime \prime}$ ?
MOL: Yes: Three men, with a flute, a drum and a flag.
FIB: Well, I think he's the guy on the left, with the flute. BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW THAT EVERY GUY GOING INTO POLITIOS STUDIES THAT PAINIING?
No. No, I didn ${ }^{1} t$. Yes sir! Greatest political lesson ever painted. If you're on the left, you make shrill noises. If you're on the right, you get ready to beat it. And if you get oaught in the middle, you start waving the flag. Mmminmm! Any more local news, dearie?
Haven't looked. I can't get over this yarn about old man MacDonald. MY GOSH, IF THE GAZEITE WANIS TO INIERVIEN SOME REALLY INIERESTITNG PEOPLE, I COULD NAME...

## DOOR CHIME:

MOL: COME IN!
DOOR OPEN: OLOSE:


FIB: . .well sir, I'll never forget the day I was decorated by General Pershing.

BEE: General Pershing?
MOL: This was in the first world war, Miss Cartwright.
FIB: Yeah. the BIG war. WEIL SIR, THE REGINENT WAS STANDING AT ATIEANTION. A HUSH FEH工 OVER THE BATTLEFIETD. SUDDENLY, PERSHING SAYS, "CAPTAIN McGIE, THREE PACES FORWARD!" Captain, I says to myself...my gosh, I says, I been promoted! But I leaps forward and salutes. He pins the Croix de Guerre on my blouse. He salutes. I salute. The other officers salute. I salute. The company salutes. I salute back. Then I says, very respectful, "What am I bein' decorated for, General?" I says. "For shooting down those five German airplanes over Bar Le Duc", he says. "That's strange," I says, "I never been in Bar Le Duc". "Aren't you Captain George McGee?", he says. "No sir" I says, "I'm Private Fibber McGee". Well sir, later on, in the guardhouse--
BEE: Er...excuse me, Mr. McGee.
FIB: Eh?
BEE: This is not exactly what I'm after. Not that it isn't interesting, because it isn't.

FIB: Thank you!
BEEE: I am much more interested in your home here... your possessions. For instance, that sofa. Isn't that an antique?

MOL: Oh, no. That's just an old horsehair sofa given to us by my Aunt Sarah.
FIB: WHADDYE MEAN, JUST AN OLD HORSEHAIR SOFA? Didn't Aunt Sarah tell you about that?

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FIB: Why my gosh, kiddo, that hair was clipped off the very horse that Faul Revere rode when he roused the minute men at Taploca. I mean Concord. I wouldn't take ten thousand dollars for that sofa!
MOL: I would. And throw in the house, the silverware, and a pound of butter.
FIB: (IAUGHS) She's just kidding, Miss Barnsite. She's--
BEFE: Cartwright. This is intensely interesting, Mr. McGee. Heve you any other priceless heirlooms?
FIB: Sis, this house if full of priceless heirlooms. Now you take that piece on the mantel there. The marble Venus with the clock in her stomach. What would you say that was worth? BEE: Well, I might be a few dollars off, one way or the other, but I'd say about ninety-eight cents. SOLD?

FIB: Ninety-eight cents!! Sis, don't be deceived by the fact that one leg is busted and the hour-he $A$ is missing.
MOL: He keeps knocking it off the mentel because he's so modest. He winds it with his eyes shut.

FIB: The point is Miss Cartwheel --
SOUND: DOOR CHIME
MOL: Oh dear. . .COME IN!
SOUND: DOOR OPEN

MOL: Doctor Gamble. do come in, Doctor.
DOC: Thank you, my dear. Hello, Jughead. OH. .excuse me. I didn't see you had guests.
FIB: You're slipping, Butcher Boy. Ordinarily, you could see a good looking woman six miles away on a dark night, with a. driver's helmet on backward.

MOL: Gentlemen, please! Mind your manners. Miss Cartwright, may I present Doctor Gamble?
BEEE: Hello, Doctor.
DOC: Hello, Miss Cartwright! Nice to see you again.
May I ask if you and these people are old friends?
FIB: No she just come in to interview me, Doc.
BEE: Mr. McGee seems to have some very valuable objects of art, Doctor. You know about that clock on the mantel?
DOC: Yes indeed. It was a wedding present from Molly's Aunt Sarah, who won it on a punchboard.

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| FIB: | NOBOTY SAID AUNT SARAH WON THAT CLOCK ON A PUNOHBOARD! |
| DOC: | Nobody had to. It's obvious. You don't think anybody sells junk like that, do you? |
| MOL: | But Doctor ---- |
| SOUND: | TETEPHONE: |
| FIB: | That's probably for you, Medicine Ball. Those operators track you down like a Kentucky Colonel hunting a mint bed. |
| DOC: | Well, who'd invest a nickel to hear YOUR voice, Sonny? (RECEIVER UP) Hello, Gamble speaking. Who? OH YES, MRS. ITADDERHATCH! |
| MOL: | Her again! |
| DOC: | WHAT WAS THAT, MRS. KIADDERHATCH? (PAUSE) WEIL, I'VE TOLD YOUR HUSBAND FIFTY TINES, THE ONLY CURE FOR HIS TROUBLE IS TO GET INTO SONE OTHER LINE OF BUSINESS. THAT |
|  | BUZZING IN HIS EARS IS AN OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD. ALL RIGHT, MRS. KIADDERHATCH. GOODBYE. (RECEIVER UP) |
| FIB: | That's a silly hunk of advice! How can changing his occupation cure a buzzing in his ears? |
| DOC: | He keeps bees. Well, a pleasure to meet again, Miss Cartwright, - See you later, Molly. |
| SOUND: | DOOR SIAM: |
| MOL: | A fine man, the Doctor! Know him well, Miss Cartwright? Not as well as he knows me, Mrs. McGee. I've never seen HIS ex-rays. Now then, Mr. McGee, I don't want to take up too m ch of your time, because - |
| FIB: | AH, THINK NOTHING OF IT, SIS! I GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO TEEL YOU ABOUT, YET. PERSONAL STUFF. Metter of fact, sis, I got a lot of interesting hobbies. Stamps, coins, carving ships in bottles - |

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BEEE: SHIPS IN BOTMLES! Now that IS interesting, Mr. MoGee. How DO you get those big boats in those little bottles? FIB: (IAUGHS) I'm afraid that will have to remain a secret sis. At least till I finish one, and find out how it's done. But in your article about me -
SOUND: DOOR OPEN:

WIL: Hello, folks. I hope I'm - Oh, am I intruding? MOL: Not at all, Mr. Wilcox. Miss Cartwright, allow me to present Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox, Miss Cartwright.
BEE: How do you do, Mr. Wilcox.
WIL: Hello, Miss Cartwright.
MOL: Miss Cartwright is interviewing himself here, Mr. Wilcox.
BEE: You know, Mr. Wilcox, the McGees have a number of fascinating heirlooms. It's amazing what valuable properties you find in a modest home like this.

FIB: Well, I just happen to like nice things, I guess.
MOL: Thank you, dearie.
FIB: Now, you take THAT SPINET PIANO OVER THERE. . .VERY VALUABLE.
WII: $\quad$ Spinet piano!
BEE: Isn't that a little large for a spinet piano, Mr. McGee? FIB: Certainly. It's the only six foot high, upright spinit piano in existence. You couldn't buy that piano for $\$ 6000$, sis.

MOL: And purely a coincidence, I suppose, but you couldn't sell it for that, either.

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You might as well sit down, Mr. Wilcox... you're not doing anything.

Tell him some more, Sis. He can recognize a plug farther than Clem McCarthy. Only when Clem makes a mistake, it's NEWS!
Well, I'M serious, Mr. McGee. I have talked to simply HUNDREDS OF people in my work, and regardless of their oiroumstances the ones who have pride in their possessions use Johnson's Wax. They say it not only beautifies, but protects and preserves, as well. I've said that myself.
I've heard you.
You might as well finish, Miss Cartwell....I doubt if he gets paid this week anyway.
I don't know what you mean, Mr. McGee. I was just saying that Johnson's Wax seems to be a MUST for good housekeepers, because dust and dirt can't cling to a waxed surface, and it makes cleaning so much easier. By the way, where are you from, Miss Cartwright? Racine, Wisconsin. Why?
I just wondered. Great town, Racine. I was born there. WFY MR. WILCOX. . .YOU WERE BORN IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA! Physically, yes. Spiritually, I was born in Racine. Get him! He's about as spiritual as a barn dance. Look, Waxey, will you excuse me and Miss Wheelright? We gotta finish this interview.

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| TEEE | Caps are for men, - ladies wear hats. |
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| FIB: | Oh. |
| TEE: | Himm? |
| FIB: | I said oh. |
| TEE: | Oh what? |
| FIB: | OH ALI RIGHT...IADIES WEAR HATS. |
| TEE: | That's what I said, I betcha. I was... OH HI, MISTER WIICOX: (GIGGLES) Gee, I din' see you standing there. |
| WIL: | Hello, Teeny. How's everything in school? |
| TEE: | Well, my teacher, Miss Yeagley, is home with an antiseptic sore throat and we gotta substiteach tootcher. |
| FIB: | You gotta what, sis? |
| TEE: | A substiteach tootcher. |
| BEE: | Don't you mean a "substitute teacher, " little girl? |
| TEE: | Sure. She's the best substiteach tootcher we ever had, too, I betcha. She gimme A-Plus in Whendid. |
| FIB: | What was that? |
| WII: | She gave you A-Plus in what, Teeny? |
| TEFE: | Whendid. You know - iike Whendid Clumbis discover |
| BEEE: | America, Whendid the Pilgrims step on the chicken STEP ON THE CHICKEN! |
| FIB: | What are you talking ebout, sis? |
| TEE: | Well, it's on our histry book, I betcha. When the pilgrims came over they stepped on a chicken - |
| WII: | You mean PLYMOUIH ROCK, Teeny? |

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SOUND: TEA TTHINGS:
MOL: More tea, Miss Cartwright?
BEE: No thank you, my dear.
MOL: MCGee?
FIB: Nope. Thanks.
MOL: Mr. Wimple?
WIMP: Yes, please. And may I have another chocolate brownie?
MOL: Certainly, Mr. Wimple. Help yourself.
WIMP: Thank you.
BEE: You seem to have a very good appetite, Mr. Wimple.
WIMP: Well, I get a lot of exercise, Miss Cartwright....walking thru the woods every day with my Bird Book.
MOL: Your what, Mr. Wimple?
WIMP: My Bird Book. Did you know; Miss Cartwright, that the Golden Louislana Oriole carries a lightning bug in it's bill when it flies at night?

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No, but it's very interesting. Did you know that the fork-talled Whimsy of Eastern Wyoning, has retractable feet?

My goodness.. . . have you got a Bird Book, too? No, but I've seen some strange ohes in my time. Now about this valuable oriental rug you say you have, Mr. McGee. Would---
SOUND: DOOR CHTME

MOL: My this is a busy day, isn't it? COME IN:
SOUND: DOOR OPEN

FIB: Hey, it's Mayor La Trivia. HIYAH, IA TRIV!
SOUND: DOOR CLOSE

GALE! Hello, McGee. Good day, Molly. And Mr. Wimple, AH there, MISS CARTWRIGHP. ON IHE JOB, I SEE!

BEE: Hello, Mr. Mayor. Yes and I find Mr. McGee very oc-operative.
MOL: Have a cup of tea, your honor?
GALE: No thank you.
WIMP: I will. And another Brownie, please.
FIB: Why don't I run down to the corner and hide some brownies in the mailbox, Wimp? You might get hungry on the way home.
WIMP: Oh I'Il just put a couple in my pocket, thank you.
GALE: I jusforpereed Sweetyface on the way over here, Wimple.
She's looking very well.
BEE: Sweetyface?
WIMP: Yes....that's my big, old wife.
MOL: Keeping you busy at the City Hall, Mr. Mayor?

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GATE: Yes, quite. Our fire department is short on the budget and they noed new hose rather badly.

FIB: YOU MEAN US TAXPAYERS GET STUCK FOR A THING LIKE THAT? Certainly. Some of their hoses are five or six years old. SO WHAT? I GOT THREE PAIRS OF HOSES I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS IN 1939. THEY BEEN MENDED AND MENDED AND MENDED. BUT I DON'T EXPECT THE CITY TO BUY NE NEW ONES.
I am not discussing HOSIERY. I am talking about HOSE. MOL: Firemen don't wear hosiery, dearie. They wear short socks, like you. Am I right, Mr. Mayor? Yes, I suppose ... WAIT A MINUTE! 'LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT.. While he's getting it straight, may I have another brownie, please?
L: Here, Mr. Wimple. Look, your Honor, I am all for giving our brave fire laddies anything they want, within reason, but don't we pay them enough so they can buy their own socks?
CERTAINLY! THEY DO BUY THEIR OWN SOCKS. I suppose. I'M. TALKING ABOUT FIRE HOSE! THE KIND THEY ATTACH TO A HWDRANT AND RUN WATER THROUGH.


So you had a little talk with the Mayor, did you, dearie?. What happened?
He straightened it out with the assessor. How?
He told her I was a silly old braggart, and a four-flusher, and the biggest liar in Wistful Vista. There's a real friend, that LaTrivia! Nmmhmm! Goodnight.

MOL: Goodnight, all.

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