

Telephone Sketches



"Hello!" "Will you give me Fullers please? Can you send me up a barrel of apples this afternoon?" "Hav'n't got any." "Well send me a nice cod fish and a tin of Chase and Sanborn's Coffee." "Don't keep 'em." "Don't keep them? What in thunder are you giving us? Don't we get them from you right along? I know you had apples there yesterday for I priced them. Guess you didn't have much of a stock if you've sold out already." "I-tink you must make mistake on de place." "Isn't that Fullers?" "Bigosh no, dis is Allards, market stall, Allards!" "Well by Jupiter, if it isn't enough to vex a saint! Confounded, cussed carelessness."



"Heilo! Central?" "Hello! what's the trouble?" "What did you give me Allards for?" "Didn't you ask for Allards?" "No! I didn't ask for Allards, I asked for Fullers!" "I beg your pardon I thought you said Allard's. Your instrument isn't working very well. I'll ask the man to go up and fix it." "You're not working very well. I'll ask a man to go down and fix you. Now do you understand? I want Fuller's store. W. H. Fuller's, Commercial street, opposite the post office. Next door to the Magog House. Hold on! Telephone No. forty-six! Do you think you can get them now?" "Yes, could before if you'd given me the number. All right sir! Be careful with the instrument! That last explosion shook it badly and Mr. Morales says we must shut off in such cases the same as if there was a thundersorm raging." "You tell Mr. Morales to go to!" "Hello!" "Is that Fuller's store?" "Yes." "Are you in the same old stand?" "Yes, why?" "Because those telephone people

sent me to the market after you. I want you to send me up a barrel of those apples I was looking at yesterday. You know who's talking?" "Yes, Sixteen Prospect. Anything else?" "Yes, send up a nice cod fish and a tin of coffee." "I thought you had a cough, eh?" "I want to assimilate the two." "Want to what?" "I want to mix them." "Oh! All right. I'll send them up right after dinner." "Hello!" "Is that Mr. Didymus?" "Yes, who's talking?" "Doctor Barton, Lennoxville. I got your order for the Pick-me-Up Powders, but I won't be able to let you have them before to-morrow. I can't put them up fast enough. Yesterday I shipped to Danville every package I had, and I have a large order from Richmond, but I'm not in a hurry about that, as the party has a few packages on hand." "I'm glad you're having such a rush. See here. I've got an order from Kingston for three dozen. If you can send them so I can ship by to-night's express, I can wait till the end of the week for the rest." "All right! I'll do it, but I think I'll want a pick-me-up myself to do that, and fill a Compton order. I'll prepare yours first as I may have a chance to send them by somebody. Good-bye."

"Hello?" "What sort of a rifle is that you have to sell?" "Frank Wesson. Thirty-eight. First-class shooter." "Guaranteed?" "Guarantee that it has killed more moose, deer, and bears, round Spider Lake than any other rifle." "Then you know something about it yourself?" "I've known it ever since it was the size of a pistol." "Is that the one Den Ball was telling me about?" "Shouldn't wonder. He used it for some time, and so did Pete LeRoyer, the Indian. Pete shot three moose in one day with it on the Upper Spider." "Guess it'll do. I'll go up and have a look at it. It's Hale that's talking. Ned Hale not bottled Hale! I don't live in the vicinity of Cork." "No, but Cork's crew might tap you." "Well, if they did they'd only draw Claret. Good-bye."

"Hello!" "Cookshire wants you. Go ahead Cookshire!" "Is that Didymus?" "Ay, ay, sir." "Mac-kies talking. Can you meet me at Heney's, City Hotel, on arrival of train at eleven o'clock?" "It's impossible. I daren't go out for another day or two." "Can I see you at your house, important business." "Yes, I can attend to any business at home." "All right! The train's just whistling in. I'll see you in about an hour and a half. Au revoir."

"Yes, what's wanted?" "Compton wants you. Go ahead Compton." "Can you send us up another dozen of Barber's Rheumatic Cure, and a dozen of Ordway's Improved Plasters, by this evening's express, Craig, Brothers." "Yes." "Don't forget it, for we have two parties from Moe's River here, and one of

them will wait until the train's in. 'All right! They'll go sure.' 'Hello!' 'Is that Mr. Didymus?' 'Yes.' 'Central Office. You didn't settle that rent?' 'No, but I will Saturday.' 'Well be sure and do it, or those telephone yarns of yours will come to an end for want of material. You won't be able to wire in, it'll be a case of Johnny get your gun, if I have to go up again after Saturday and—' 'What's that you're talking about, I don't owe you anything except good will and precious little of that.' 'Why you just said you'd pay Saturday.' 'I never said any such thing.' 'Why! Yes you did.' 'Don't tell me I lie, I tell you I didn't.' 'Who's talking?



There's some mistake about this.' 'Ames is talking and if he aims at you, you'll wish he hadn't got his gun.' 'Oh! I'm sorry Mr. Ames, I was talking to another party who promised to pay Saturday, and your wire must be crossed with his.' 'All right! I accept your apology, but send a man to take the kink out of the wires before somebody else gets my dander up. If Byrne had been at the instrument he'd have got his Irish up so that you'd think you had got a rap over the ear with a shillelagh. He can run a whole circus himself when he gets started, and if he couldn't reach you from this end of the wire he'd mighty quick get to the other end, and don't you forget it! Good-bye! We've too much at steak to stand any dunning here. So long!'

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