

17 - Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-

ALMA

PICK A LITTLE, TALK A LITTLE,
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CHEEP CHEEP, CHEEP, TALK A LOT,
PICK A LITTLE MORE.

ALMA, ETHEL

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ALL LADIES

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CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP CHEEP
CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP!
(Continues as background under following dialogue),

MAUD

Professor, her kind of woman doesn't belong on any committee. Of course I should tell you this but she advocates dirty books.

HAROLD

Dirty books!

ALMA

CHAUCER

ETHEL

RABELIAS

EULALIE

BAL-ZAC

MAUD

And the *worst* thing - of course I shouldn't tell you this but...

ALMA

I'll tell.

ETHEL

The man lived on my street. Let me tell.

EULALIE

(Grabs the ball determinedly)

Stop!

(Everything stops)

I'll tell. She made brazen overtures to a man who never had a friend in this town till she came here - old Miser Madison.

HAROLD

(Puzzled)

Miser Madison. Madison Gymnasium, Madison Picnic Park, Madison Hospital – that Miser Madison?

MAUD

Exactly. Who'd he think he was anyway?

HAROLD

Well I should say. Showoff. Gave the town the library too, didn't he?

ETHEL

That's just it. When he died he left the liberry building to the city...

MAUD

But he left all the books to her!

EULALIE

She was seen going and coming from his place.

ALMA

Oh yes. Oh yes. That woman made...

BRAZEN OVERTURES

(Slam)

WITH A GILT-EDGE GUARANTEE!
SHE HAD A GOLDEN GLINT IN HER EYE,
AND A SILVER VOICE
WITH A COUNTERFEIT RING!

(Slam)

JUST MELT HER DOWN
AND YOU'LL REVEAL
A LUMP OF LEAD
AS COLD AS STEEL!

LADIES

PICK-A-LITTLE,

TALK-A-LITTLE... *(Continues)*

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(ALMA)

HERE!

(Thump)

WHERE A WOMAN'S HEART SHOULD BE.

EULALIE, ALMA, MAUD, ETHEL, MRS. SQUIRES

HE LEFT RIVER CITY

THE LIBRARY BUILDING,

BUT HE LEFT ALL THE BOOKS TO HER!

ALMA

CHAUCER!

ETHEL

RABELAIS!

EULALIE

BAL-ZAC!

THE LADIES

PICK-A-LITTLE, TALK-A-LITTLE,

CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP,

CHEEP, CHEEP, CHEEP!