

ANNOUNCER:

Woodbury presents the Adventures of the Thin Man --brought to you each week at this time by Woodbury Face Powder and Woodbury Cold Cream, those twin aids to the loveliness of your skin.

NORA: Nickie --

NICK: (HALF OFF) Yes, dear?

NORA: Do you know what Saturday the 14th is?

NICK: (FADING IN) Oh huh. The day after Friday the 13th.

NORA: Nick Charles! You've got about as much romance in your soul as a...as a clam.

NICK: (LAUGHS) On half shell?

NORA: No -- steamed.

NICK: All right, dear -- I'll bite. What plays on Saturday the 14th?

NORA: Well, maybe this little poem will refresh your memory.

(RUSTLE OF PAPER)

NORA (CLEARS THROAT) Because you're charming, beautiful whack
With oodles of dough, which is no drawback,
Because in you alone I find
The best points of the following women combined:
Venus de Milo and Helen of Troy,
Scarlett O'Hara and Myrna of Loy,
The Queen of Sheba and Madam du Barry,
And Osa Johnson on a safari.
But wise as you are, can you figure out this is
A proposal? Darling, will you be my missus?

NICK: (GROANS) That's awful.

NORA: You ought to know, dear.

NICK: Huh?

NORA: You wrote it.

NICK: Me?

NORA: Yes. On a St. Valentine's Day not so long ago.

NICK: Darling, a worse piece of slander I never heard in... (LAUGHS) Say come to think of it - it wasn't half bad.

KNOCK ON DOOR

NORA: Did you hear that?

NICK: Don't move, beautiful. I'll be back in a jiffy.

KNOCK

Just a second --

(DOOR OPENS)

NICK: Yes?

STEWART: You Nick Charles?

NICK: That's right.

STEWART: My name is Stewart.

NICK: Yes?

STEWART: I've got a little Valentine for you. It's from Bill Carroll.

NORA: (FADE IN) Bill Carroll?

STEWART: Yeah. You ought to remember him, Mrs. Charles. Your husband sent him up for murder.

NICK: What does Carroll want?

STEWART: Well, first of all - he don't like the Big House.

NICK: That's a shame. I suppose he finds it confining?

STEWART: A little. So he wants you to know, he's going to be moving out one of these days. And then he'll be paying you a little visit.

NORA: (NERVOUS) Does he...does he have to?

STEWART: Well, the Boss is like this. He always pays his debts and he figures he owes you two plenty. If you know what I mean.

NICK: Get out.

STEWART: Take it easy, Charles.

NICK: (CONTEMPT) Go on - get out!

STEWART: O. K. (FADING) If that's the way you feel. A Happy Valentine's Day, folks.