

VANDERGELDER/DOLLY

VANDERGELDER

That's the most expensive restaurant in the city!

MRS. LEVI

And well it should be! What food! And the fastest waiters in New York! By the way, I might be a little late so Miss Money will meet you in front of the restaurant. Wait 'til you see her, Horace, all in buttercup yellow with baby pink shoes and humming an old fashioned tune, yes, Sweet Rosie O'Grady, you couldn't miss her if you tried.

VANDERGELDER

I'll be there, Dolly....But only because I already paid for the introduction and I might as well get my money's worth! But from this point on you are hereby discharged as my marriage broker. Is that clear? From now on, Dolly Gallagher, you're just a woman like anyone else! Where are you taking me? What's happening?

(The MEN are pushing the float off, with VANDERGELDER on it)

MRS. LEVI

Ephraim....He's as good as mine.

VANDERGELDER

(Pointing to the mannequin)

....Mrs. Levi, she's beautiful! Everything you said and more! Don't move, Miss Money, I'm coming! I'm on my way!

(HE starts up as MAN begins tugging at figure's arm and pulls it off)

Hey, you, cut that out! That's my fiancée! Stop, thief.... Pickpocket! Put that back, you! I paid for that girl and I want all the parts!

(MAN carries legs portion of dummy past VANDERGELDER)

....Miss Money, what have they done to you? Mrs. Levi!
What is the meaning of this?

MRS. LEVI

Nothing to get upset about, Horace, a last minute substitution. Miss Money had a sudden urgent business appointment at the Mint. They ran a little short and she's helping out. But she'll meet you at the Harmonia Gardens Restaurant at eight o'clock tonight!