

# Mr. and Mrs. - By Briggs

NOW PLEASE DON'T GO AND SPEND A LOT OF MONEY ON MY CHRISTMAS PRESENT -- MRS. FLINT'S HUSBAND IS GIVING HER A \$5000 COAT AND MRS. GLASS' HUSBAND IS GIVING HER A \$3000 SOLITAIRE - BUT -

DOGGONIT - VI DESERVES A FINE GIFT THIS YEAR AND I'M GOING TO INVEST A COUPLA HUNDRED BUCKS ON HER GIFT

HELLO JIM! I'M OUT TO BUY MY WIFE THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT --- GOT YOURS PICKED OUT? YES - I'M GIVING MY WIFE A \$5000 AUTOMOBILE - SHE'S BEEN A GOOD SCOUT

WOW! THAT'S TOO MUCH DOUGH TO SINK IN A CHRISTMAS GIFT -- IT MAKES THE OCCASION TOO COMMERCIAL -- PERHAPS I'D BETTER SPEND TWO FIFTY ON VI'S GIFT

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR GIFT TO YOUR WIFE YET JACK? HAVE I? SAY BOY! WAIT TILL YOU SEE IT! THE SLICKEST DIAMOND WRIST WATCH Y'EVER SAW! COST AN EVEN TWO THOUSAND - SHE'S BEEN A GOOD SCOUT

WELL - I'LL SPEND FIVE HUNDRED BUT THAT'S THE LIMIT -

I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING IN PEARL NECKLACES ABOUT WHAT PRICE -- I CAN SHOW YOU A VERY SMART ONE FOR TEN THOUSAND -

WELL IT'S A LITTLE STRONGER THAN I WANTED TO GO HOW ABOUT THIS FOR FIVE THOUSAND? RATHER PRETTY THING -

WHY - UM - SOMETHING A LITTLE LOWER - NOT OVER TWO THOUSAND WE DON'T CARRY ANY - THING AS CHEAP AS THAT

HOLY SMOKE WHAT A SUCKER I AM! TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED COLD PLUNKS! WOW! 10 MINUTES LATER - EMBERGES WITH A \$2500<sup>00</sup> DIAMOND BROOCH -

WELL - HOW ABOUT DINNER!? IS DINNER READY?!?!?

SAY WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO? HAVE YOU COME HOME WITH A GROUCH? IF YOU HAVE YOU CAN GET RIGHT OUT OF HERE - WHAT AILS YOU? DID YOU HAVE A PIECE OF BAD LUCK IN TOWN? WELL - I'M HUNGRY -

I TELL YOU THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER! I'M TIRED OUT AND WANT A LITTLE REST THAT'S ALL - THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER - I NEVER KNEW YOU TO HAVE SUCH A GROUCH AND BELIEVE ME YOU'VE HAD SOME PEACHES! WHAT'S GONE WRONG ANYWAY! WHY YOU'VE GOT A PERFECTLY FIENDISH TEMPER! WHAT HAVE I DONE -

AND SO - FAR - FAR INTO THE NIGHT

