

Music Man Callback Line Reading

<i>Character</i>	<i>Pages</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
<i>Female Speaking Parts</i>	<i>50-51</i>	<i>5</i>

17 - Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-Little & Goodnight, Ladies

(Alma, Ethel, Eulalie, The Ladies, Harold, Quartet)

(The LADIES, instantly huddling)

ALMA

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

ALMA, ETHEL

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

ALL LADIES

PICK A LITTLE, TALK A LITTLE, PICK A LITTLE, TALK A LITTLE, CHEEP CHEEP CHEEP
TALK A LOT, PICK A LITTLE MORE. PICK A LITTLE, TALK A LITTLE, PICK A LITTLE, TALK A
LITTLE, 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 shouldn't
tell you this but she advocates dirty books.

HAROLD

Dirty books!

ALMA

CHAUCER!

ETHYL

RABELAIS!

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...

(ALMA)
LADIES

BRAZEN OVERTURES

(Slam)

LITTLE...

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!

PICK-A-LITTLE,
TALK-A-

(Continues)