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By Franklin P. Adams

[Enter Biff and Stiff.]
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Oh, we are the confectionery boys!
How we love to dance and sing!
[Break-down with drum obligato.]
We're as happy as a king.
[Same.]
We are handsome, we are witty,
If we only had a chance,
And with your kind attention we
[Hands on each other's shoulders and three steps back.]
Will try to do a little dance.
[Dance.]

BIFF—That was a swell girl I seen you with last night.
STIFF—A nelygunt lady.
BIFF—Lovely girl.
STIFF—She cert'n'y was.
BIFF—Looked like a plate o' prunes.
STIFF—She looked like a plate o' prunes! Naw, she didn't look like a plate o' prunes!
BIFF—O' course not.
STIFF—Why, of course not!
BIFF—She looked like a fire escape.
STIFF—She looked like a fire esc— Naw, she didn't! Say, I wunchu t' distinctly understand' that my sister is a handsome girl.
BIFF—Is she still drivin' that coal wagon?
STIFF—Naw, my sister don't drive no coal wagon! My sister don't work.
BIFF—She don't have to.
STIFF—Course she don't have to!
BIFF—She gets her hats for nothin'.
STIFF—You bet she does!
BIFF—S'pose the floor walker finds it out?
STIFF—Say, look here! I wunchu t' distinctly understand' that my sister is an honest girl!
BIFF—Neither am I.
STIFF—"Neither is he." Say, you talk like a fish!
BIFF—I got a lovely black bass voice.
STIFF—Kin you sing?
BIFF—You win the chocolate creams.
STIFF—What is your voice?
BIFF—It's a nuisance.
STIFF—Say, you're a bright young feller; ain't you. Been to college?
BIFF—Sure, I used to pick Yale locks.
STIFF—Maybe if you're so smart you kin tell me somethin'.
BIFF—I kin tell you more'n you ever dreamed of.
STIFF—Maybe you kin answer me a conundrum.
BIFF—Let 'er gazazzam!
STIFF—Well, what is the difference between a young man who calls on his girl till two o'clock in the morning and the city of Albany?
BIFF—What?
STIFF—You heard me, all right.
BIFF—I know I heard you, but the usher likes to hear you talk.
STIFF—Well, I prognosticated, "What is the difference between a young man who calls on his girl till two o'clock in the morning and the city of Albany?"
BIFF—That's cert'n'y a tough one. What is the difference between a young man who calls on his girl till two o'clock in the morning and the city of Albany?
STIFF—One stays up late and the other lays up State.
BIFF—Huh! Maybe you kin tell me one:
BIFF—What is the difference between a trolley car and an apple?
STIFF—One goes by electricity and the other you bake in a pie.
BIFF—That's right. I didn't think you knew it. [To orchestra leader] Perfesser, if you please.

SONG: BIFF AND STIFF
A young girl once was sitting in
An elegant hotel.
She ordered luncheon for to eat
In that café so swell.
The waiter he did bring it in.
She started for to eat;
For she quite hungry was, although
She was so fair and sweet.
[Key changes here to minor.]
E'er long the meal was finished.
"The bill!" she then did say.
The waiter brought it and did wait
For her that bill to pay.
She said: "I have no money,
Nor even a diamond ring"
And then that noble waiter, he
These words to her did sing:

CHORUS.
"Let me pay the check, sweetheart,
Let me pay the check!
I love you very dearly, for
You are so picturesque.
Oh, be my wife, my darling!
In jewels you I will deck.
Let me pay the check, dear,
Let-me—para-ay—the check!"
[Exeunt Biff and Stiff.]
[Tremendous applause.]

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