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(The scene is in the telephone office of the little town of Bingville. Mamie and her friend, Ethel, are taking care of the switchboard. Throughout the reading, they keep their hands busy with the connections.)

“Number--number--number, please. Some people sure make me tired. I sit here and yell ‘number’ till I’m black in the face and they don’t answer till the spirit moves ’em. I gettin’ sick o’ this job anyway -- Number!---That line is out of order. I’m dying for romance. Beautiful moonlit nights on some golden shore--”

“Aw, Mamie, come down from those air castles. Here, listen to this--that Nellie Jones is trying to get Tom Peters to take her to a dance out at Four Corners tomorrow night. I’d like to see the time when I’d beg a fellow to take me any place--Number, please!---The correct time? Our clock says 4:25 1/2.--I wish that Mrs. Smith would get an eight-day clock. She calls up here two or three times a day to get the correct time.”

“For crying out loud! Would you listen to this? You know Ed James left home a couple days ago and didn’t tell a soul where he was going? Well, his mother just phoned Mrs. Thomas that she got a card from him and he’s joined the navy. And is she mad? She’s just raving!”

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