**Are You Being Served?**

*Ground floor
Perfumery, stationery and leather goods, wigs and haberdashery, kitchenware and food. Going up...*

*First floor
Telephones, gents’ ready-made suits, shirts, socks, ties, hats, underwear and shoes. Going up...*

*Second floor
Carpets, travel goods and bedding, materials, soft furnishings, restaurants, and teas. Going down...*

*First floor
Telephones, gents’ ready-made suits, shirts, socks, ties, hats. Going down...*

**Episode 3 – Our Figures Are Slipping**

Mrs Slocombe: Good morning, Captain Peacock!

Captain Stephen Peacock: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: As departmental head of ladies’ ready-mades, I hardly think it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like a char!

Pea: I’m not asking you to do anything that I have not done myself, Mrs Slocombe. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_”. And what has happened to Miss Brahms?

Slo: She isn’t late, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: She ought to sign in first!

Slo: It was very urgent that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so to do!

Mr Wilberforce Humphries: Good morning, Daphne!

Daphne: Morning!

Hum: Good morning, Captain Peacock! 8:59 and \_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yes! I would have been here at 8:58, but I caught my handbag in the lift!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Hum: Well it’s Miss Brahms’, actually – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Besides, I wouldn’t be seen dead with imitation crocodile! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, anyway! Morning, Mr Grainger!

Mr Grainger: Oh, good morning, Mr Humphries!

Hum: My word, we have got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Gra: Er, yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to give my toast crusts to the ducks! My wife doesn’t like me to leave them, but - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – they’re a little too much for them!

Hum: Yes!

Gra: You know, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until they go soggy!

Hum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you’ve run them in a bit!

Mr Lucas: That was a near thing, ha!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr er- Lucas! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Oh dear – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Pea: That is not the point, Mr- Mr Lucas! You are expected here at nine o’clock, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Ah well, Captain – I was here – I was outside at five minutes to nine, but just as I was coming in, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he got knocked down! A tall, military looking man he was – oh dearie me, I thought – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! He was early like me, and he’s got knocked down crossing the road! My heart was in my mouth, sir! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not Captain Peacock – struck down at the height of his career! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I said, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Captain Peacock! Anyway, by the time I’d fought my way through the crowd, found out it wasn’t you, it was some dirty old tramp, and then got back here, and it was one minute after! Ooh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and crouched on your collar!

Pea: Deal with it, Lucas!

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Was there anything else, sir?

Pea: Yes – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from stock, and then present yourself to Mr Rumbold’s office \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Yes sir – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Shirley Brahms: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Miss Brahms!

Luc: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is it?

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Well \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ then?

Pea: To your counter, Mr Lucas!

Luc: Sir!

Pea: Take your coat!

Hum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Luc: He says I’ve got to report to Rumbold at 9:15 with my sales book. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_?

Hum: Well in the terms of the Almighty’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – but as far as you’re concerned, it probably means you’ll be at the labour exchange at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Shirl: I was struggling with this for ten minutes yesterday, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ too!

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – it’s this damp weather – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! I’d better give it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Mr Rumbold: Are they all there, do you think?

Secretary: Well \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Rumbold – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: Right – then I’ll, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: Is Captain Peacock there?

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sir – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: What? We expect you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Grace Brothers, Captain Peacock – I do not expect to find you unattired at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sir!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – I want to have a word with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: Of course, of course! Erm, Mr Grainger, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please, \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Gra: Oh, yes, I- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Pea: Mr Humphries, Mr Lucas!

Hum: \_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Luc: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Mrs Slocombe, Miss Brahms, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: Miss Brahms! Before we go any further, Mr Rumbold, Miss Brahms and I would like to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! They’re a- they’re a positive disgrace!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mrs Slocombe?

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – they’re sticking! It’s always the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_?

Slo: Miss Brahms could hardly shift hers at all just now!

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who put beeswax on them – but that made them worse!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Shirl: I think they need sandpapering!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do you think, Peacock?

Hum: Well you see – I puff French chalk on mine, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Well perhaps you could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over Mrs Slocombe’s!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mrs Slocombe?

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! I’ve had them ever since I’ve been here!

Pea: Perhaps we could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mrs Slocombe! Mr Rumbold has matters of a much more pressing nature to discuss!

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Perhaps Mr Rumbold would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and see how far he gets!

Rum: I think we should consider the matter closed for the moment, Mrs Slocombe! Ahem, now, I have been deeply distressed to learn of the slump in our sales \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hmm?

Pea: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Grainger?

Gra: Oh, a very definite slump, I would say – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Humphries?

Hum: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Grainger! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, didn’t you?

Luc: Oh, yes, definitely! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Humphries – yes, oh yes!

Hum: If you remember rightly, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Gra: Yes – and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Pea: That’s right – that’s what caused me to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sir!

Rum: Right – I think that’s what first alerted me to the crisis in, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Now the thing is - I don’t want to put too fine a point upon it – why?

Pea: Ah! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Grainger? After all, you’ve been with us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Gra: Well, from a very considerable experience in the trade – I would say that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: And very profound!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Humphries?

Slo: As departmental head of the ladies’ section, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_!

Pea: Of course, Mrs Slocombe – I’m sorry! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Slo: \_\_!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: But \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Hum: Well \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, don’t you, Mr Lucas?

Luc: Yes, yes, that’s it – definitely, definitely, yes, it’s definitely – oh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yes! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: Yes – er – well erm, the points that you’ve all raised are very valid, but erm – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: Hear, hear!

Rum: Thank you – yes! I therefore think it would pay us to examine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - and to that end, I shall be holding a course in salesmanship - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: What, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – there’s my pussy to consider!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Rum: If it’s not convenient, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I would remind you all that unless sales improve, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: I suppose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Hum: Tiddles will have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: I er, I presume \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sir – I, I have two tickets for the Tidworth Tattoo!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Pea: Hmm.

Hum: It’s ta-ta to the tattoo!

Rum: Yes, well, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Oh, er, Mr Lucas – perhaps \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? I want to go over your personal sales record for the past month – oh, and er, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, mm?

Luc: Yes, sir!

Hum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – I would have thought you’d be- remember your sales! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Oh, charming! “Heigh ho, heigh ho, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a dig dig dig-

Shirl: Honestly, it’s the limit - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Shirl: \_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Gra: I suppose I ought to phone Mrs Grainger and tell her to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_!

Hum: Yes – tell her to turn the regulo down to a quarter – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it’ll play havoc with your gums!

Pea: Right, positions everybody! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Come along, ladies, come on, please – thank you!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Lucas! Erm-

Luc: I believe you wanted to have er, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sir!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please!

Luc: Yes, sir!

Rum: Now Lucas – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I presume you know what this means?

Luc: Are you- are you sure \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sir?

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Luc: Well if I was a doctor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: There is no cause for levity!

Luc: It’s, it’s nerves, sir!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Nonetheless, this is a very poor performance! You know, I always think - that there is a reason for a poor performance! Now, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Lucas! I, I think if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it would help!

Luc: Well I, I’m sorry if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Rumbold!

Rum: But – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! Are you – and I don’t wish to pry – but are you er, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Luc: Ah! Yes! That could very well be it, yes!

Rum: And now we’re getting somewhere – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Thank you – yes, sir! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you see, sir! You see, I’ve only got this one shabby little room-

Rum: In Highgate, isn’t it?

Luc: Yes, yes – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, though, mind! I mean, and ever since we took in that Asian to help make ends meet, well – the strain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and she’s had to give up her job at the skating rink! Taking, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: Yes! Well- what with that, and the fact that the- the cat’s got asthma and has been coughing all night – well what with all that and also the fact that I have to- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ on a broken old gas ring, well - there are days when somehow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! And particularly since we had an eviction order this morning! But as you suggest, Mr Rumbold, I, I will do my best and, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_?

Rum: Yes! You know, I, I, I, feel it should be entered into your record!

Luc: Ah, yes – of course, yes!

Rum: Now – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – you live in Cripplegate-

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: Er, Highgate, Highgate! And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-

Luc: No, no, we took in an Asian!

Rum: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: No, no – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Rum: And er - you’re supporting this Asian on a, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Luc: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Slo: Yes, well, if the elastic goes again, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, madam!

Pea: Good morning, madam!

Customer: Good morning!

Pea: Mrs Slocombe, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unduly from its enforced confinement!

Slo: Oh, oh, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: Ah! Well, I- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Slo: And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Captain Peacock!

Pea: Oh, well!

Shirl: I always thought tattoos were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with needles and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Pea: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Miss Brahms!

Slo: Oh, Captain Peacock, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Pea: Well – as a matter of fact, it reminds me of a bit of doggerel I picked up in the mess –

Slo: Oh, yes?

Pea: On the chest of a barmaid from Sale, / was tattooed all the prices of ale / whilst \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_, / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, / was precisely the same but in Braille!