

TEMPERANCE - 2016

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CUE: LITTLE BROWN JUG

Cally enters during applause. She carries a handful of documents, a pen or pencil tucked behind her ear—as if clearing out a box of old papers.

Cally: The amount of paperwork one accumulates over the years is truly amazing. It's best we were rid of most of these...*(She takes one of the larger papers from the stack, puts the rest down and looks at the document in her hand)* Oh my, I'd forgotten about this. It takes me back to the day Allen asked me to marry him. *(She looks wistfully into the distance, recalling the past.)*

Allen enters from side of stage opposite Cally's gaze. He is dressed in "young man's costume."

Allen: Cally my darling, you've taken an entire day to think it over. I can wait no longer...why do you hesitate? Your very presence is intoxicating! Could there be...someone else? Oh, Cally, once more *(on his knee)* -- will you be my bride?

Cally: Oh, dear Allen, you know I love no one but you. I'll happily be your wife *(Allen is ecstatic)* upon one condition.

Allen: A proviso?

Cally: A codicil. *(She produces the large document and pen, gives them to Allen)* You MUST sign the Temperance Pledge!

CUE: LIPS THAT TOUCH LIQUOR

(Cally sings, Allen joins in on chorus, reads the pledge during verses)

Cally: Now Allen, I know that, during your bachelor days, you've occasionally lifted a glass of cider with your friends but...

Allen: My dear Cally, let nothing stand in the way of our happiness! *(Signs the paper with a flourish)* And of course, there are a few appendages in the codicil.

Cally: Appendages? *(She looks at the document as he points out the "appendages" during the song)*

CUE: TOTAL S'IETY

Cally: Oh, Allen, I'm so happy! I can hardly wait to tell mother! And Aunt Flora! Oooooh and won't Gertrude Wiley be green with envy? Green – do you think that's a good color for the bridesmaids' gowns? *(Babbles on as she drags the helpless Allen offstage.)*

CUE: POP GOES THE WEAZEL