



WHY FIFTY DEGREES IS THE DANGER POINT

AA DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

Time: Present

Scene: Any Home

Dramatis Personae

Chorus of Bacteria
Mold
Mildew
Ferment

Chorus of Food
Meat
Butter
Milk
Vegetables
Fish
Lettuce

~~The Woman~~ Mother

~~The Father~~

~~The Child~~

THERMOMETER

ACT I

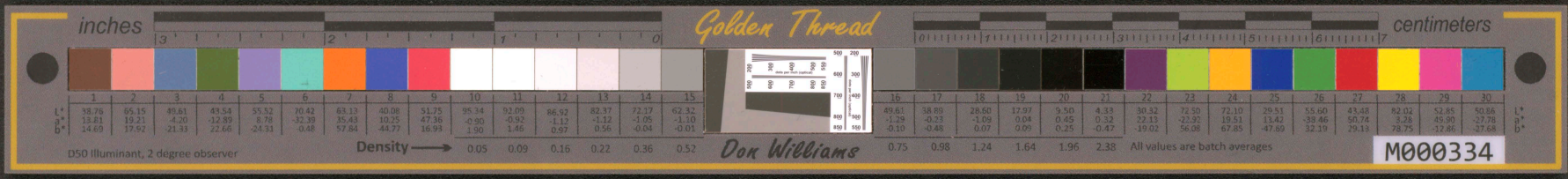
Scene: The Refrigerator

THERMOMETER Heavens !. I have been feeling fine all day, and now see !. Some careless person has left the refrigerator door open, and ~~xxxxxxx~~ Mercury is running up. 48, 49, 50, 51 !. Too bad. Now there'll be war, and I am powerless to prevent it.

CHORUS OF BACTERIA ^(awakening) Yo ho ho !. For the good moist warmth. Come brothers, on to battle !. We need nourishment !. On !.

CHORUS OF FOOD STUFFS Clear out, you can't harm us!

BACTERIA No? We couldn't when the thermometer was below fifty. But now we have you in our power.



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Why Fifty Degrees...

(Bacteria assault Food Stuffs, and the latter succumb, becoming pois onous ~~and~~ wilted.) *putrefied*

THERMOMETER (Sighing) Oh, dear, now there will be all kinds of trouble and expense, and I shall be blamed.

ACT II

Dinner

Scene: ~~At the~~ The ~~Breakfast~~ Table

FATHER I have been listless and drowsy all day. I almost feel as if I had been poisoned.

MOTHER I have noticed that the Child is not playing. Her milk disagreed with ^{her}. I had the Doctor in; he fears typhoid.

THERMOMETER Oh, dear, if I could only speak.

ACT III

(Several Weeks Later) Scene: The Kitchen

FATHER Our bills have been ~~very~~ ^{inordinately} heavy this month. Ice ~~more than usual~~ ^{and much}, food ^{more than usual}---

MOTHER So much was spoiled and had to be destroyed.

FATHER ---the Doctor for the Child. Business losses at the office, due to my headaches and lowered efficiency.

MOTHER (Looking in at the Refrigerator) I wonder if this thermometer is right? It says 50½ degrees.

THERMOMETER At last !

FATHER That's the secret of the trouble. The villianous Bacteria have ^{too} waged war on us all because they had the strength from the 50 degree temperature.

MOTHER We have paid high ~~from next~~ for our disregard of that thermometer. Paid in Poor Health, in Lost Food in Money. Never again.

THERMOMETER Thank Heaven.



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Colder air generated
(More ice is produced; the ~~xxxxxx~~ refrigerator doors, firmly
closed and the ~~xxxxx~~ curtain falls on a smiling ther-
mometer, dropping into the forties.)

THE END.

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Exhib. Fifty Degrees... J



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