

Newsies-Original Broadway Cast "The Bottom Line"

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PULITZER

Gentlemen, we need to sell more papers. There's an answer right before your eyes, but you're just not thinking this through.

Nuzio knows when,
He's cutting my hair,
Trip a bit here and then
Trim a bit there.

Just a modest adjustment
Can fatten the bottom line.

BUNSEN

What if we cut back personnel?

SEITZ

How about a few salary trims?

BUNSEN

We could lower the price of the paper.

PULITZER

Bankrupting me even faster! Let me try again

Shaving is tricky: The razor
Should float

Shave me too close and you
May slit my throat.

It's the simplest solutions
That bolster the bottom line

BUNSEN

We've got it! If we charge the Newsies sixty cents per
hundred instead of fifty!

SEITZ

They'd have to sell ten more papers just to earn
the same amount as always.

PULITZER

My thought exactly. It's genius.

HANNAH

It's gonna be awfully rough on those children.

PULITZER

They'll be learning a real life lesson in economics. I
couldn't offer them a better education if they were
my own.

Give me a week and
I'll train them to be
Like an army that's
Marching to war.

Proud of themselves and so
Grateful to me,
Theyâ€™ll be begging to pay even more!
When thereâ€™s dirt
On our shoes, boys,
For Godâ€™s sake, relax!
Why throw them out?
All we need is some wax
Listen well to these barbershop lessons,
For theyâ€™ll see you through.
EMPLOYEES
When youâ€™re stuck in the muck youâ€™ll be fine.
Youâ€™ll erase any trace of decline.
SEITZ
With a trim
HANNAH
And a snip
BUNSEN
And a shine!
PULITZER
And the power of the press,
Yes! Once again is mine!
The price for the Newsies goes up in the morning!
Just a few common cents,
Gents, thatâ€™s the bottom line!
EMPLOYEES
Every new outcome
Itâ€™s income for you,
Thanks to that bottom line!

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