

Mr. Birling's REAL Speech [sic] (אחד בפה, אחד בלב)

- 1) “No, we won’t. I have to tell you, It’s one of the
- 2) happiest nights of my life. Before you two met was one of the
- 3) most awful times I had ever gone through. Eric, some day,
- 4) I hope, that when you have a daughter of your own,
- 5) You’ll understand why I want so badly that Sheila would marry
- 6) this gentleman here, Gerald Croft, and not
- 7) anybody else in the world except for him.
- 8) No one could be as right for her as Gerald.
- 9) Sheila, I’m sure he will really make you
- 10) happy, and that once you marry him you’ll never
- 11) cry and feel bad, or be cheated on with other women.
- 12) Gerald Croft is just not the kind to do all that.
- 13) Gerald, I’m going to tell you frankly, that I could never be happy
- 14) before your engagement to Sheila, and I’m tremendously happy
- 15) now that you two are getting married. You’re just the kind of
- 16) son-in-law I always wanted. You’re so much not that
- 17) person that I hate so much, and so is your father.
- 18) Both of you are good people, whom I have the utmost respect for.
- 19) Your father and I sure have been
- 20) friendly rivals in business, but weren’t ever
- 21) fighting each other with hate. Crofts Limited are
- 22) older and bigger than Birling and Company. In comparison, we’re
- 23) just a small and pathetic excuse for a business.
- 24) Now you’ve brought us together, and we may look forward to when
- 25) Crofts and Birlings are no longer competing,
- 26) but are working together—for lower costs and higher prices, otherwise
- 27) your business will soon be bankrupt and we will
- 28) also lose a lot of money. None can really
- 29) win the competition between our businesses.
- 30) Oh, by the way, I want to tell you something important:
- 31) I only mean the first line out of every two I say.”