

## **Professor Mack's Traveling Medicine Show Spiel** **(This is the alternate version that was not used in the melodrama** **– Dirty Deeds at the Depot ... but it is fun.)**

No other elixir available is as strong as ours. None as Invigorating, none as Strengthening, Healthful ... nor as Refreshing.

This wonderful and remarkable discovery cures all the ills that afflict man or beast. Heal it up and hair it over. If our elixir doesn't help you ... you are most likely dead already.

If you are afflicted with swellings, sprains, sore chests, contracted cords or muscles, stiff joints, wrenches, dislocations, cuts, bruises, apply our specially prepared elixir for instantaneous relief.

If you are suffering from constipation, liver complains even dyspepsia ... simply take a single spoonful to begin the healing process instantly. Plus ... Professor Mack's Miracle Elixir of Life is the only proven cure for Stoutness! No family can afford to be without this ... safeguard against noxious things of all kinds ... a true life renewer!

This unrivalled elixir ... is warranted to not contain a single particle of any injurious mineral substance. A compound of roots, herbs and barks ... this elixir comes from an ancient formula obtained at great personal risk and expense by me Professor Mack ... just for you.

While traveling in the deepest darkest rain forests of Borneo ... I came upon a tribe of natives that were surprised to see an outsider. These tribesmen routinely would live to 150 or 200 years of age. After I won their trust and confidence ... they shared with me their secret of long life. A virtual cornucopia of maladies can also be rendered powerless against this secret healing "Elixir of Life". This tonic is the prodegeny of science and chemistry and the wisdom of 800 years of tradition. The original formula was passed down from father to son in a tradition of healers on the coast of Borneo and then to me. So powerful is this protected formula ... ancient tribesmen would trade a single ounce of this miraculous mixture for a horse or a hut or even a wife. (ASIDE: don't get any ideas my friend.)

(A shill ... From the audience) I only have ten dollars ... can I possibly purchase half a bottle? I might be able to get together more money if I had a little more time ... I just don't want you to run out before I get a bottle to take home to my sick daughter.

My good man ... what is your future worth? What is your health worth? What price can you place on the health of your family?

Never before have I made an offer as good as you will hear in one moment. As the company's founder and general agent for the Pacific Coast, Oregon and Sandwich Islands I can provide you – my good man - an entire bottle of Professor Mack's Miracle Elixir of Life not for \$20 dollars ... not for \$10 dollars not even for \$5 dollars but today only I am letting these go for one single solitary dollar per bottle.

And sir ... I would like to give you this first bottle at no cost to you for your lovely little daughter.

Now ... step right up Ladies and Gentlemen. Who will be the first to travel down the road to vibrant health? Who will be the first to shake their fist at infirmity and illness for only one dollar per bottle!

**The extended performance version of the Traveling Medicine Show Salesman is of course found in the Melodrama Script for**

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