The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 26, Episode 2: Thank Goodness for Bessemer

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| 00:00 |  | Thank goodness for Bessemer. |
| 00:02 |  | [music] |
| 00:09 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:23 |  | [music fades out, the repeats] |
| 00:32 | Sam | Leon, how is your Uncle Alex doin’ since you took him out of the home? |
| 00:36 | Leon | R-real good, Sam. Se-seems real happy. H-he started inventin’ again. |
| 00:41 | Sam | Oh, he-he has, huh? I remember he was the one that invented the little metal tips on shoe strings, ain’t he? [overlap] |
| 00:46 | Leon | [overlap] Tha-that’s right. H-h-he been workin’ on some new stuff. Well, not-not really workin’ just thinkin’ up new inventions. |
| 00:52 | Sam | Oh, that’s real good for him to keep busy that way. H-has he come up with anything good? |
| 00:57 | Leon | Oh, yeah. H-he got two or three extra good ideas. |
| 01:01 | Sam | Yeah? Like what? |
| 01:02 | Leon | Well, h-he’s workin’ on a spray. When you spray it on a waitress it causes her to automatically give separate checks. |
| 01:09 | Sam | [laughs] Tha-that could make him rich. |
| 01:12 | Leon | A-and he’s workin’ on a tool that’ll open these plastic shrink wrap packages and these new Frito sacks. |
| 01:18 | Jesse | D-does it work? |
| 01:19 | Leon | Well, all we s- found so far that works three-three little bitty sticks of dynamite. |
| 01:24 | Sam | That sounds a little like that could be dangerous. |
| 01:27 | Leon | And then there’s an idea he got about crossin’ lightnin’ bugs and honey bees sos they could work at night. |
| 01:32 | Sam | Man, for a old man he got some great ideas. [door slams] |
| 01:35 | Jesse | W-who got some great ideas? |
| 01:37 | Sam | Leon’s Uncle Alex. H-he’s gone back to inventin’. Y-you know he’s out of the home now. |
| 01:42 | Jesse | Oh, I know it. I saw you drivin’ down Caddo street, him sittin’ in his wheelchair in the bed of our station pickup. Just wavin’ everybody. |
| 01:49 | Leon | Yeah, h-he sure was glad to get home. |
| 01:51 | Jesse | Y-you say he’s inventin’ again, huh? |
| 01:53 | Leon | Oh, yeah. I-I was just tellin’ Sam ‘bout some of ‘em. |
| 01:56 | Jesse | Well, well, did any of ‘em work, Leon? |
| 01:58 | Leon | Yeah, soon as he works the bugs out. |
| 02:00 | Jesse | Yeah, well, that’s the story of my life. Well, what’s he come up with lately? |
| 02:04 | Leon | Well, he-he’s really been workin’ hard on new invisible hearin’ aid. |
| 02:08 | Jesse | Invisible hearin’ aid? |
| 02:09 | Leon | Yeah, yo-you wear it under your arm. Uh, that way nobody knows you got it. |
| 02:14 | Jesse | Does it work? |
| 02:15 | Leon | Well, almost. Uh, y-you gotta raise your arm to hear, ya’ know. So, you can just act like your scratchin’ your head and i-it works pretty good. |
| 02:23 |  | [music] |
| 02:32 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:42 | Mr. McFrancis | Hey, gang! What’s goin’ on? |
| 02:43 | Sam | O-oh Leon was just tellin’ us about some new inventions that uh, that Uncle Alex is workin’ on. |
| 02:48 | Mr. McFrancis | Oh, that’s great. He’s workin’ again. That’s good. I, you know I got a lot of admiration for inventors. |
| 02:54 | Leon | Why, I-I didn’t know that. |
| 02:55 | Mr. McFrancis | Oh, yeah, yeah. You know I guess Sir Henry Bessemer is my all-time favorite. |
| 02:59 | Sam | Who? |
| 03:00 | Mr. McFrancis | Bessemer! Bessemer! He’s the man who invented steel. |
| 03:04 | Leon | Well, how come he’s your favorite? |
| 03:05 | Mr. McFrancis | Are you kiddin’? If it weren’t for Bessemer we’d all be drivin’ around in cast iron automobiles. [music overlap] |
| 03:08 |  | [music] |