

Collette's Big Hat



Collette la Fafner, receptionist for Urgway Heavy Industries, was forever being chided by her coworkers about the big silly hats she wore to work. But she paid them no heed. She believed they made a favorable impression on visitors to corporate headquarters. But when she came to work one morning in what she called her mega chapeau, which was held in place by a series of guy wires, her supervisor finally had to put a stop to it. Why, it was so tall that it scratched the ceiling! But Collette adamantly refused to remove it. She claimed that it was hot-wired to her brain, and to doff it would be the sartorial equivalent of a lobotomy. Her boss didn't buy that argument, and he pulled out a pistol and fired at the hat's midpoint. From the hole that the bullet made there suddenly spurted a noxious fluid. As if it had sentience, it rushed straight for the gun holder, who screamed and ... oh dear, I'm out of room already! Ohh, too bad, for there is *so* much more to