



MS#9a Pirelli

No. 9A

PIRELLI'S ENTRANCE (PIRELLI)





TODD:

I do. (He holds up the bottle of Elixir) I am Mr. Sweeney Todd and I have opened a bottle of Pirelli's Elixir, and I say to you it is nothing but an arrant fraud. (Mrs. Lovett takes the bottle from Todd, sniffs it)

MRS. LOVETT: He's right. Phew! Better to throw your money down the sewer. (She tosses the bottle to the ground. The onlookers "ooh" and "aah" with shocked excitement)

TOBIAS:

(Beating agitatedly on the drum, shouting) Ladies and gentlemen, pay no attention to that madman. Who's to be the first for a magnificent shave?

TODD:

(Breaking in) And furthermore. . . (Glaring at Pirelli) I have serviced no kings, yet I wager that I can shave a cheek and pull a tooth with ten times more dexterity than any street mountebank! (He bolds up bis razors for the crowd to see) You see these razors?

TODD:

(To Pirelli) I lay them against five pounds you are no match for me. You hear me, sir? Either accept my challenge or reveal yourself as a sham.

MRS. LOVETT: Bravo, bravo. (The crowd laughs and cheers, obviously on Todd's side. Pirelli, as imposing as ever, bolds up a band for silence. Slowly he swaggers toward Todd, takes the razor case, opens it and examines the razors carefully)

PIRELLI:

(He speaks with a fairly obvious put-on foreign accent, barely concealing an Irish underlay) Zees are indeed fine razors. Instruments like zees once seen cannot be soon forgotten. (Takes out a tooth-extractor) And a fine extractor, too! You wager zees against five pounds, sir?

TODD:

I do.

PIRELLI:

(Addressing the crowd) You hear zis foolish man? Watch and see how he will regret his folly. Five pounds it is!

MRS. LOVETT: The finest in England.