Income Tax Department Washington D. C.

Gents:

Your income tax blank of recent date received and contents noted. I am returning the blank to you as I do not care for it just now. Maybe at some later date I may be interested, but at the present time, due to circumstances, the state of business, the heavy expense and one thing and another, I am not interested.

I carefully looked over the papers which you sent me and gave them considerable study. The wording was pretty difficult to follow and the whole thing seemed intricate, but, as I see it, what you are after is a cut on my earnings. You have a good idea there and with a little cooperation I think you may go far with it.

In fact, it is as smart an idea as I have ever run across, and the fellow who thought it up had no flies on him. The proposition, from what I can make of it, is that I work hard all year to make some money and that at the end you come in on a flat percentage of the total. All you do is just send me a questionnaire and I send you back a check by return mail. If I could afford it, I would be glad to come in with you, as there must be more to it than I can see at first glance. I like it, too, from the standpoint of novelty. Nearly everybody is putting out some form of questionnaire these days but they are paying for the answers. What makes your proposition so different is that you ask me to pay for the answers.

I took the whole matter up with my family. They thought, just as I do, that it would be better not to do anything about it at present, as we have so many other obligations. You know how tough things have been with everybody. If the time comes when I want an income tax, I will certainly give you the business.

Yours sincerely,

A.Wage Earner



Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Bet you've already broken 'em if you did. Seems that most folks do--that is, if they bother to make 'em. But, they're pretty nice even if you do break them; at least it shows you have good intentions and haven't given up completely on improvin' yourself.

Can't think of a better way to start our New Year than with Cenia Culler's recipe for 5-minute fudge. (Hope one of your resolutions wasn't to lose a few pounds.)

5-Minute Fudge

Mix:

2/3 cup undiluted evaporated milk

1 2/3 cups sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat in saucepan over low heat; heat to boiling point and cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Add:

1 1/2 cups (16 medium) diced marshmallows

1 1/2 cups chocolate chips ( 1 1/2 - 6 oz. pkgs.)

l teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup chopped nuts

Stir 1 to 2 minutes (until marshmallows melt)

Pour into buttered 9-inch square pan; cool and then cut in squares.