

Overture

(Orchestra)

ACT ONE Scene I

1 - Opening Act 1

(Orchestra)

(EXTERIOR OF THE WORLD WIDE WICKET COMPANY At the end of the Overture the house curtain goes up. A one-man window washing machine descends with FINCH on it. He is wearing a window washer's coveralls. He works on a window with a squeegee and at the swiie time reads a pocket book, "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying. " We don't see FINCH's face immediately. We then hear the voice of the book telling what FINCH is reading.)

BOOK VOICE

Dear Reader, This little book is designed to tell you everything you need to know about the science of getting ahead.

(FINCH turns front toward the audience, and turns page in the book.)

Now let us assume you are young, healthy, clear-eyed and eager, anxious to rise quickly and easily to the top of the business world. You can!

FINCH

(Looking up)

I can!

(He continues looking at book.)

BOOK VOICE

If you have education and intelligence and ability, so much the better. But remember that thousands have reached the top without any of these qualities.

(Scaffold lowers to the floor.)

Just have courage and memorize the simple rules in the chapters that follow. If you truly wish to be among the lucky golden few, you can!

FINCH

I can!

(He puts squeegee down in pail to his left. He begins to thumb through the book rapidly and starts to sing.)

2 - How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying

(Finch)

FINCH

HOW TO APPLY FOR A JOB...

(Steps off scaffold.)

HOW TO ADVANCE FROM THE MAILROOM...