


Gumption... Who Has It and What Is It?

WOW... tonight was the final dress rehearsal for [The Nerd](#) and to quote our director, "We have a show." I do however, have a few questions about it beginning with the title of this blog... what exactly is gumption... Let's find out together, shall we? Merriam-Webster's on-line dictionary lists two definitions:

- common sense/horse sense
- enterprise/initiative (*he lacks the gumption to try*)

Ok... now that that has been settled, the last person whom Axel believes to have said quality was Marjorie Main. Once again, I haven't the foggiest idea who he is speaking about so, I will consult the trusty wikipedia website and low-and-behold we get:

Marjorie Main ([February 24, 1890](#) – [April 10, 1975](#)) was an [Oscar](#)-nominated [American character actress](#), perhaps best known for her role as *Ma Kettle* in a series of ten [Ma and Pa Kettle](#) movies.

I KNEW I had seen her name somewhere before. I vaguely remember watching the old Ma and Pa Kettle series after church on Sunday mornings. She was nominated for an Academy Award for the 1947 Ma and Pa Kettle film [The Egg and I](#) .

So now that I have found answers to my two burning questions concerning the play, I can tell the cast of *The Nerd* to BREAK A LEG. IT IS GOING TO BE A SMASH.