



Whether Common or Not

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Nothing but Some Rumors After all

Doubtless you have heard it stated
Knox would prosecute combines,
Well, it's nothing but a rumor after
all.
And that greed would do full justice
to the men who work the mines.
Well, it's nothing but a rumor after
all.
It may be that Rockefeller will reduce
the price of oil
As an answer to the people's earnest
call.
But you'd better not believe it as your
plans I'll have to spoil—
It is nothing but a rumor after all.

Once we heard that civil service was
the love of Roosevelt.
Well, 'twas nothing but a rumor
after all.
That a hate for crooked workers we
must all suppose he felt.
But it seems 'twas only rumor after
all.
With a Clarkson put in office then sent
over southern states
Civil service seems a virtue rather
small.
Once 'twas told he wanted good men,
but his action indicates
That 'twas nothing but a rumor after
all.

Once the g. o. p. was quoted as a
friend of true reform.
Well, it seems 'twas only rumor after
all.
That for honesty and justice it had
friendship true and warm,
But 'twas nothing but a rumor after
all.
" 'Twill reform the Dingley tariff and
deal equal justice 'round."
We were told 'em early spring till
late in fall.
But since trusting it to do it to our
sorrow we have found
That 'twas nothing but a rumor after
all.

Doubtless you have heard the story
that 'tis peaceful in Luzon.
Well, it seems 'tis only rumor after
all.
That it was a peaceful picture which
we ought to gaze upon.
But 'twas nothing only rumor after
all.
When we've got to bribe the dattos
and go hiking for Ladrones
Through the trackless jungle timber
thick and tall,
All this talk of peace we're given in
such bland and oily tones—
Well, it seems that it is rumor after
all.

Out of the Swim.

Mrs. Lottsmom—"That Mrs. Olstie
really does not belong in our social
set."
Mrs. Gotrox—"I have been suspicious
of her. But what has she done
to show it?"
Mrs. Lottsmom—"She is polite to
the salespersons, tries not to cause
them too much work and the other
day she actually matched a ribbon
without looking at everything on the
ribbon counter."

Frightened.

"Gentlemen," remarked the chair-
man of the Allied Trust Managers' as-
sociation, "we are facing a grave
danger."
"What is it!" shrieked the assem-
bly with one voice.
"Enough anti-trust bills are not being
introduced. The first thing we
know a selection might be made."

"But what shall we do?"
"Well, gentlemen, it strikes me that
we should issue orders to our congress-
ional employes to keep the rest of
them so busy considering new bills
that they will not have time to select
one for enactment into law."

Hopeful.

"Roundabout is one o' dem blamed
optermists."
"What's he doin' now?"
"He t'inks dis coal famine will use
up all de wood an' make sawin' some-
thin' no longer t' be dreaded."

Father Goose Rhymes.

Old King Coal is a mercenary soul,
A stingy old soul if you please.
For his benefit he puts us in a hole,
And don't care a snap if we freeze.

Sing a song of oil trust,
Pockets full of "dough,"
Many universities
Planted in a row.
When they want more money
From the oil trust, then
Mr. Rockefeller
Makes us "dig" again.
John is in his counting house
Piling up his money;
Dr. Harper feeling
Mighty good and funny.
When he needs the ducats
His oil friend is seen,
Then the Standard Oil trust
Picks our pockets clean.

There was a Mr. Knox and he had a
little gun,
But his bullets were made out of
dough, dough, dough.
And he swore loudly he would shoot
monopo-lee,
But couldn't hit the mark, don't you
know, know, know.

Tom, Tom, the financier
Stole all things that he found near.
The people said, "A genius he!"
Tom missed the penitentiary-ree.
Had Tom swiped bread the court
midst cheers
Would send Tom up for seven years.

Brain Leaks.

Easy won seldom lasts.
The fool never profits by his mis-
takes.
The home homelike means the street
boyless.

Cheerupathy is the best school of
medicine.

A happy memory is the best staff
for old age.

If prayer alone saved heaven would
be easily won.

True Christianity does not work in
eight-hour shifts.

Keep Trying wins before Keep
Sighing gets started.

People who denounce gossip should
refuse to listen to it.

Money will purchase pleasure, but
happiness must be won.

A heart without faith is fertile soil
for the seeds of despair.

Yesterday is for regret, tomorrow
for rest, today for endeavor.

Show How leads a winning crusade
while Tell How beats a hasty retreat.

Too many men do not learn how to
live until their time has come to die.

He who always looks on the bright
side always enjoys good moral eye-
sight.

Some people sing "Jesus paid it all"

and imagine that they have a receipt
in full

The man who takes no interest in
politics is not easily aroused to work
for good government.

When politics becomes the duty of
every citizen it will cease to be the
profession of the few.

The man who is too busy to go to
the polls always has plenty of time
to grumble about his taxes.

You can't tell by the wag of a dog's
tail how good his master is. It mere-
ly shows the disposition of dogs.

Some men keep so busy demanding
their rights that they have no time to
take advantage of their privileges.

The man who is always boasting
that he is self-made gives evidence of
having paid especial attention to his
vocal chords.

When a man complains about "yel-
low journalism" it is pretty safe to in-
fer that he has been exposed in some
dark scheme.

The young man who only works
enough to earn his wages is always
the young man who complains because
he cannot get a better job.

Wouldn't Trade.

It is said that Dingley put up the
tariff schedules enormously high so
as to afford a margin for the pro-
tected interests to swap "cinches." The
game, however, failed to work, for
the reason that no fellow was willing
to have his cinch traded off in the in-
terest of the other fellow.—Memphis
Daily News.

The Right Thing.

A New Catarrh Cure, Which is Rapidly Com-
ing to the Front.

For several years, Eucalyptol Guaiacol and
Hydrastin have been recognized as standard re-
medies for catarrhal troubles, but they have al-
ways been given separately and only very recent-



ly an ingenious chemist succeeded in combining
them, together with other antiseptics into a
pleasant effective tablet.

Druggists sell the remedy under the name of
Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and it has met with re-
markable success in the cure of nasal catarrh,
bronchial and throat catarrh and in catarrh of
the stomach.

Mr. F. N. Benton, whose address is care of
Clark House, Troy, N. Y. says: "When I run up
against anything that is good I like to tell people
of it. I have been troubled with catarrh more or
less for some time. Last winter more than ever
I tried several so-called cures, but did not get any
benefit from them. About six weeks ago I
bought a 50 cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets
and am glad to say that they have done wonders
for me and I do not hesitate to let all my friends
know that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are the right
thing."

Mr. Geo. J. Casanova of hotel Griffon, West 9th
street, New York City, writes: "I have com-
menced using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and al-
ready they have given me better results than any
catarrh cure I have ever tried."

A leading physician of Pittsburg advises the
use of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets in preference to
any other treatment for catarrh of the head,
throat or stomach.

He claims they are far superior to inhalers,
salves, lotions or powder, and are much more
convenient and pleasant to take and are so harm-
less that little children take them with benefit as
they contain no opiate, cocaine or any poisonous
drugs.

All druggists sell Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at
50 cents for full size package and they are prob-
ably the safest and most reliable cure for any
form of catarrh.

I Will Cure You of Rheumatism

Else No Money is Wanted.

After 2,000 experiments, I have
learned how to cure Rheumatism. Not
to turn bony joints into flesh again;
that is impossible. But I can cure the
disease always, at any stage, and for-
ever.

I ask for no money. Simply write
me a postal and I will send you an or-
der on your nearest druggist for six
bottles Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure,
for every druggist keeps it. Use it
for a month and, if it succeeds, the
cost is only \$5.50. If it fails, I will
pay the druggist myself.

I have no sam. es, because any med-
icine that can affect Rheumatism
quickly must be drugged to the verge
of danger. I use no such drugs, and
it is folly to take them. You must
get the disease out of the blood.

My remedy does that, even in the
most difficult obstinate cases. No
matter how impossible this seems to
you, I know it and take the risk. I
have cured tens of thousands of cases
in this way, and my records show that
39 out of 40 who get six bottles pay
gladly. I have learned that people in
general are honest with a physician
who cures them. That is all I ask.
If I fail I don't expect a penny from
you.

Simply write me a postal card or a
letter. I will send you my book about
Rheumatism, and an order for the
medicine. Take it for a month, as it
won't harm you anyway. If it fails,
it is free, and I leave the decision
with you. Address Dr. Shoop, Box 515,
Racine, Wis.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often
cured by one or two bottles. At all
druggists.

Ridiculously Evasive.

We are bound to believe that Mr.
Roosevelt's heart is in his policy of
regulating trusts, yet even here he is
singularly vague and inconclusive. He
does not specify a single definite evil
or name one precise remedy. It is
true, he refers congress to the recom-
mendations of his former message—
which were, in a general way, public-
ity and national supervision—but they
are pretty well forgotten by this time.
Nor is the memory of them likely to
be balancing now on both sides of the
question, and his final recommenda-
tion—in language as ridiculously evas-
ive as that which President McKinley
used about the trusts, and which they
read and went off chuckling—that con-
gress pass "a law reasonable in its
provisions and effective in its opera-
tions."—That will not frighten any-
body. This entire part of the message
will, in short, be taken as an effort to
qualify and minimize the president's
previous deliverances on the subject of
trusts.—New York Evening Post.

Circus Style.

The president is striving to throw
the whole blame for inactivity in pro-
viding trust-curbing legislation upon
congress. It is not exactly according
to the American system that the
president should boss congress, but it
is certainly not that system either
that congress should ignore him. If
the republican party really means to
regulate the trusts it ought to elect
men who will undertake the job ser-
iously, and this applies to the presi-
dent and congress as well. All have
seen the clown in the circus who
makes great pretense of helping the
ringman spread the carpet for the
acrobats and never touches it. These
visits to the White house appear ar-
ranged in the same circus style.—New
Orleans Daily States.