



**At the Grocery Store**

Bill Smithers was a talkin' of th' plans an' policies  
Which Roosevelt is pushin' to bring Wall street to its knees;  
An' William, when he's started, slings th' language mighty free.  
"I tell you, boys," he shouted, "Teddy's just a suitin' me;  
Them Wall street sharks he's hookin' an' a pullin' 'em to land,  
An' reducin' of their power in a way to beat th' band."  
But just then Tom Bobbins entered an' he says to Bill, says he:  
"Does Wall street make objection to th' shippin' subsidy?"

That stumped Bill for a minute, but he caught his breath an' said,  
While cuttin' some terbacker an' a waggin' of his head:  
"Th' president is trimmin' of them gamblin' fellers' claws,  
An' showin' them they're subject to th' country's rules an' laws;  
He's a callin' 'em to order, an' they have to walk th' chalk—  
I tell you Ted's a wonder, an' they jump to hear him talk."  
An' Bobbins, never smilin', looks at Bill an' says, says he:  
"Have you heard Wall street objectin' to th' asset currency?"

Bill swallowed his terbacker, but he comes back mighty game  
An' shouted that Tom Bobbins ought to feel a sense o' shame  
For ever intimatin' that th' president was wrong,  
An' then continued talkin' with an accent good an' strong:  
"The president is bustin' every trust that shows its head,  
An' Wall street is objectin' 'cause it kills their gamblin' dead."  
Then Bobbins, with a chuckle, looks at Bill an' says, says he:  
"Have you heard Wall street objectin' to his tariff policy?"

Then Smithers rose a snortin' an' he said he wouldn't stay  
When Bobbins was insultin' Roosevelt in such a way.  
"He compelled them railroad fellers to give decent railroad rates,  
An' he's got 'em goin' plenty on th' matter of rebates;  
Which th' same is mighty pleasin' to th' honest men I meet,  
But is mighty bitter p'ison to th' schemers in Wall street."  
But Bobbins he was ready, an' he says to Bill, says he:  
"Have you heard Wall street objectin' to his federal policy?"

"You traitor!" Smithers shouted as he jumped straight up in air,  
But Bobbins wasn't flustered an' just tilted back his chair,  
"You weary me," said Smithers, "with your narrow politics,  
A fightin' 'stead of helpin' Roosevelt with your best lies.  
He's republican, is Teddy, an' th' best since Lincoln's day;  
That's the reason that you Bourbons won't give Theodore fair play."  
Then Bobbins shakes with laughin' an' he says to Bill, says he:  
"All them good things you have mentioned he got from democracy."

**Suspicious**

With his underpinning somewhat wobbly Mr. Bildong entered the house long after his accustomed hour.  
"Whew, what have you been drinkin'?" queried Mrs. Bildong.  
"Jush a few Roosevelt lem'nades, m'dear," said Mr. Bildong as he leaned

up against the hatrack and threw his hat in a chair.  
"Well, I guess the 'stick' in them was plenty big enough," said Mrs. Bildong, who knew a thing or two about politics.

**Terminology**

"Did Miss DeThumppe execute her musical number well?"  
"Did she? Why, she lynched it."

**Near**

"He is one of my closest friends."  
"I didn't know that."  
"Yes. He's never got a cent with him when I want to make a touch."

**Symptomatic**

"Cholly Van Ness was acting queerly last night. Do you think he is suffering from a brain storm?"  
"Hardly. But it might have been a little mental cloud."

**The Seasons**

The calendar says April  
But there must be some mistake;  
The winds that blow so keenly  
Chill my blood and make me shake.  
The calendar is twisted  
And I reckon pretty soon  
We'll welcome January  
When the calendar says June.

**Great Idea**

"I've got a fortune in my grasp if I can just get things to going right."  
"What is it? Some great mechanical device?"  
"No. I just perfected a magnificent government subsidy plan, and now all I've got to do is to think up something to hitch it to and get a few congressmen interested."

**Brain Storm**

Last night I took a hammer  
And some nails to fix a chair—  
My mind was gay and happy  
And all the world seemed fair.  
The first nail that I hammered  
Was on my finger. See?  
And the brain storm that then followed  
Wrecked my whole mentality.

**Finis**

"Remember Bilkins, the fellow who cut such a wide financial swath here a few years ago?"  
"Yes, what about him?"  
"Well, he went out west and started in on the same course, but I see by the papers that he has reached the end of his rope."  
"Can't work the people any more, 'eh?"  
"Nope. Stole a horse and they hung him."

**Circumlocution**

The unhappy prisoner was consulting with his attorney.  
"What will you do?" asked the prisoner.  
"We will first attempt to have the indictment nollied."  
"And then, if that fails?"  
"Then we will demur to the indictment."  
"Then what?"  
"Then we will take a change of venue."  
"Then?"  
"Make affidavit for continuance."  
"And then?"  
"Take another on the ground of not being able to get service on important witnesses."  
"Well, what then?"

"If all these fail we will then go to trial."  
"What will be the defense?"  
"First emotional insanity."  
"If that don't work?"  
"Then we'll switch to justifiable homicide."  
"But if that fails?"  
"Well, we'll ask for a new trial."  
"If we don't get it?"  
"Appeal the case."  
"If it goes against us?"  
"Take it to the supreme court."  
"And then?"  
"Then we'll have to petition the governor for a pardon."  
"But if that fails?"  
"Then we'll have to make it a political issue."

"But if even that is useless?"  
"Well, by that time your great-grandchildren will be doddering around with old age and you'll be long past taking any interest in the case. I tell you our methods of legal procedure are wonderful, sir; wonderful."

**Mistaken**

"Yes, sir; just as soon as the boss learned that he was sick he called in a doctor and had every attention paid. Took him out of the mine and gave him the best of everything."  
"He must be a good man to work for."  
"O, there may be worse."  
"You don't seem to think very much of an employer who will give a sick man so much attention."  
"Who said anything about a sick man. I was talking about one of the mine mules."

**Brain Leaks**

Sin has no sex.  
A man is never alone when with a good book.  
The pasture is always richer on the far side of the fence.  
A son always feels younger after visiting with the "old folks."  
How annoying it is to have anybody else's child cry at the theatre.  
It is never difficult to find an excuse for those we really love.  
A man wastes time if he gives all of it to watching his enemies.  
The "unwritten law" is merely the safety valve of human nature.  
The richest men are those who make the most of what they can get.  
Lawyers never quarrel over the estate of a man who leaves nothing but a good name.  
A home that has cost nothing in the way of sacrifice is usually only a mere stopping place.  
Speaking of "brain storms," is your wife showing symptoms of the spring house-cleaning fever?  
Some men practice so long for a good start that they are utterly exhausted when the pistol cracks.  
Just because they cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear a lot of men never try to make anything.  
If the "innocent purchaser" law were repealed it would suddenly educate a lot of men who now profess ignorance.  
When a man fails everybody is ready to give the reason for it. When a man succeeds everybody is ready to express surprise.  
Some men chloroform their consciences and then claim immunity because they had no intimation they were doing wrong.  
Women usually have a hard time with parliamentary practice because it is so hard for them to keep track of the previous question.  
We are going to write a scathing article about the outlandish shapes of women's hats just as soon as we learn why a man buys a high crowned soft hat and then punches it full of dents.  
A lot of people doubt the efficacy of prayer because they only try it when they feel like asking for something they want. Those who ask for what they need seldom express any doubts.

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