



# Whether Common or Not

By *Will M. Maupin*

### Recompense

Just a stretch of heavy toiling  
through the weary hours of  
day,  
Hour by hour the age-old round of  
daily strife;  
Just a seige of patient plodding  
from the morn till twilight  
gray—  
That's the way too many fellows  
measure life.  
Not for me! My labors lighten and  
the hours swiftly fly  
When I think of welcome waiting  
at the door.  
Where the wife and kiddies, watch-  
ing, hear my footsteps draw-  
ing nigh,  
When the day and all its wear-  
iness is o'er.

There's a strain of childish laughter  
ringing with the hammer's  
beat;  
There's an answer for each gleam-  
ing spark that flies.  
To the swift wheels' rushing move-  
ment there's the trip of childish  
feet,  
And the light that always gleams  
in children's eyes.  
Ev'ry laden hour is lightened with  
the joy of making good  
For the little ones God gave into  
my care;  
So I whistle through my labors as  
a happy daddy should,  
Thinking only of the welcome  
waiting there.

Life is something more than labor,  
something more than carking  
care—  
It is love and hope and happiness  
and peace.  
'Tis a gift whose daily pleasure we  
should ever haste to share,  
Knowing well the great returns  
will never cease.  
Look beyond the weary present as  
you toil the livelong day—  
Think beyond to where the kiddies  
watch and wait.  
Bless the chance to love and labor  
as you trudge along the way—  
'Tis for those who stand to greet  
you at the gate.

### To the Victors, Etc.

Possess your souls in patience,  
friends;  
'Tis true you long have waited.  
But even longest fasting ends—  
You'll soon be satiated.  
Don't crowd. Let progress be as slow  
As that writ of by Bunyan.  
He resting in Bermuda now,  
And may hand you an onion.

### Modern Definitions

Philanthropist—One who amasses  
millions through special privilege  
and seeks to buy absolution by giv-  
ing a part of it back to the victims.  
Muckraker—One who isn't afraid  
to soil his hands in digging after the  
real facts.  
Santa Claus—A jolly old gentle-

man who is well known to every-  
body save the chronic grouch, the  
mental dyspeptic and the miser.

### Maybe

"Why, if they let women vote we'll  
soon have no housekeepers. The  
women will all be politicians."  
"That may be true," sweetly re-  
plied Mrs. Equalry, "but would that  
be any worse than having so many  
housekeepers and so few home sup-  
porters?"

### Success

"How is Wrighterly coming on in  
his literary pursuits?"  
"He is getting along fine."  
"How do you know?"  
"Well, he has just had one of his  
poems accepted by a leading maga-  
zine."  
"What was it about?"  
"Nobody knows. That's the reason  
the magazine accepted it."

### Limeric

There was a young man in Ky,  
Whose comrades looked on him  
as Ly.  
But we who were wise  
To the lad's enterprise  
Gave credit because he was Py.

### Easy

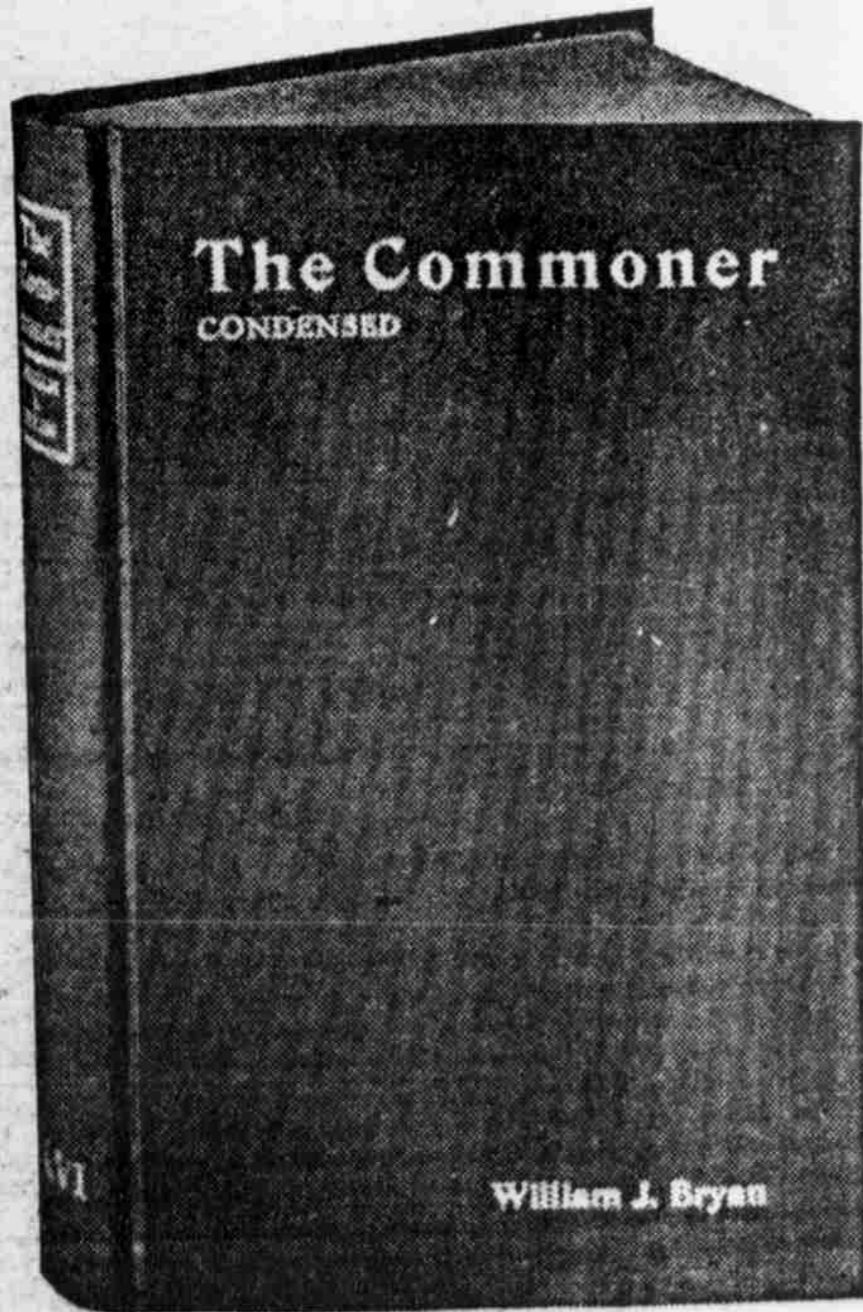
"What is Mrs. Makerly so happy  
about?"  
"She has just discovered a fluid  
that will erase ink without leaving a  
trace."  
"And what has that got to do with  
it?"  
"She will be able to use the  
Christmas cards she got last year,  
and thus save money to buy a lot of  
things she don't need from a store  
that gives trading stamps."

### JAMES MANAHAN

James Manahan ran for congress-  
man-at-large in Minnesota as a re-  
publican—a progressive republican.  
He kept clear of entanglement with  
the Roosevelt candidacy. He scorned  
the expedient course, which to many  
seemed the sure road to immediate  
success. He fought a straight-out  
fight for principles. His platform  
was the platform laid down by the  
La Follette delegates at the national  
republican convention. And he car-  
ried every county in the state; he  
won by the amazing majority of  
more than 90,000 votes!

A wonderful victory! The pro-  
gressive cause will be strengthened  
by the entrance of the able, force-  
ful, uncompromising Manahan into  
the ranks of the progressive repub-  
licans in congress. Minnesota, and  
the rest of the country, will be intel-  
ligently and faithfully represented  
by this man whose fight against the  
Hill interests and the express and  
sleeping car trusts aroused national  
interest. What is more, Mr. Man-  
ahan's rousing victory carries renewed  
encouragement to every progressive  
republican in the nation. It serves  
to measure not alone the approval  
given to Manahan's character and  
his record by the voters of Minne-  
sota, but also the degree to which  
the public mind has accepted the  
principles of government set forth  
in the platform submitted to the re-  
publican national convention by the  
delegates from North Dakota and  
Wisconsin. It means that the re-  
publican "strongholds" are seeking  
instruments through which to make  
the Wisconsin way the national way.  
This is the deeper significance of  
Manahan's election. La Follette's,  
with all other true progressives, re-  
joices.—La Follette's Magazine.

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