



The Craftsman

Whence comes this message clear and sweet  
That bids war's fierce alarms to cease;  
That calls a halt to martial feet  
And bids the world to live in peace?  
Not from the palace of the great  
Who rule by might of yellow gold;  
Not from the kings of high estate  
Whose hands the sceptered power hold.  
A Craftsman's voice that ringeth free—  
The Carpenter of Galilee!

Kings crowned by earthly hands have died  
And long since crumbled into dust;  
Their kingdoms with their boundaries wide  
Long since succumbed to wreck and rust.  
The gorgeous edifice of power  
Raised high by force of warrior might,  
Shone forth resplendent one brief hour,  
Then faded out of human sight.  
Yes, these are gone; yet still we see  
The Carpenter of Galilee!

Soothsayer, prophet, poet, sage,  
The statesman and the warrior bold,  
Their one brief hour have held the stage—  
Then to the graveyard dust and mold,  
But through the years has greater grown  
The humble Craftsman's peaceful sway;  
And 'round the world His love has flown  
Until it rules mankind today.  
Forth from an humble workshop He—  
This Carpenter of Galilee.

When right is might, when wrong shall cease,  
When all shall seek the common good;  
When all shall seek to bring increase  
Of joys of common brotherhood,  
Then shall the world full tribute pay  
Unto the Craftsman who has wrought  
Through all the years the better way  
And into it the nations brought—  
This Craftsman raised on Calvary,  
The Carpenter of Galilee!

Logical

The gentlemen engaged in the manufacture of steel had been in session for some time, and had finally completed the new tariff schedule which they desired to have incorporated into the law. As it gave them a further hold on the home market they were naturally very much interested.

"We must now go to our respective homes and see to it that the right men are elected to congress," said the chairman of the meeting. "It is up to us to get right into the campaign and leave no stone unturned to elect congressman who will stand by us."

"A lot of workmen in my district are opposing the re-election of Congressman Smithers," said a member. "He is our friend and will fight and vote to give us anything we want."

"The idea of a lot of workmen trying to secure special legislation in their own interests is preposterous!" exclaimed the chairman. "We must enter an emphatic protest against such a prostitution of our political ideals. We owe it to ourselves and

Congressman Smithers to rally around him and triumphantly re-elect him, thus rebuking the anarchistic element that is seeking to secure special legislation. The arrogance of these workmen is becoming altogether too great to be borne."

These words meeting with the approbation of the manufacturers present the meeting adjourned.

Nautical

"Has your new invention had a good sale?"  
"No, I couldn't float the stock."

The Way

"I've been told that Waverly worked his way through college."  
"So he claims, but the fact is that he rode through."  
"How's that?"  
"Rode through on a 'pony.'"

Uncle Josh

"Speakin' of th' ol' sayin' that 'boys will be boys,'" remarked Uncle Josh as he replaced the cover on the crackerbox and took his seat by the grocer's stove, "reminds me that if their fathers set the right kind of example th' boys will generally be gentlemen, too."

Business

"Stockson Bonds never overlooks a chance to make money."  
"What's he been doing now?"  
"O, he arranged the marriage of his daughter to a French count, but when he came to make the marriage settlement he demanded two per cent off for cash."

Careful

Cobberly—"Hist! Here come Wobberly. Let's duck around the corner into a doorway and escape him."  
Dobberly—"All right, but what's the matter with Wobberly?"  
Cobberly—"O, he'll want to tell us a lot of cute things his baby got off. While we're waiting for him to go by I want to tell you a good thing my little boy said at the supper table."

Reminiscent

"This spelling reform proposition reminds me of something, but to save me I can't think just what it is," remarked Mr. Bildad.  
"I guess I know," remarked little Willie Bildad, thoughtfully caressing a few sore spots.  
"What is it my son?"  
"Well, I tried the spelling reform in my spelling class today, and it hasn't quit hurting yet."  
Then it was that Mr. Bildad recalled several incidents in his own schoolboy career when his efforts at spelling reform resulted disastrously.

Good Advice

"My dear," remarked Mr. Golightly as he entered the house and deposited a handsomely bound volume on the table, "there is nothing like mastering the contents of a good book."  
"Yes, dear," said Mrs. Golightly.  
"I would dearly love to have you master the contents of a good book occasionally, my dear," said Mr. Golightly. "It will be of immense benefit to you."  
About 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Golightly noiselessly arose from the bed and without striking a light located a book whose contents seemed to satisfy her.

As she tucked the contents thereof into the pocket of a wrapper hanging in the darkest recess of the closet, she muttered

"I am quite sure that the mastery of the contents of that book will greatly benefit me in the very near future. It's bargain day, and I guess Mr. Golightly can not blame me for following his advice."

A moment later Mrs. Golightly's dreams were all of dollar goods marked down to ninety-nine cents.

Slightly Different

The attorney rushed hastily into Judge Skinem's chambers and exclaimed:

"Judge, I want an injunction right away."

"Sure," said Judge Skinem, reaching for his pen. "Have you got the writ made out as you want it?"

"Yes, your honor."

"Have the company employes struck, so that you want an injunction restraining them from peaceful picketing, conversing with the free and independent workmen and congregating on the streets?"

"No, your honor. I'm not representing the company any more. I am representing the strikers and this injunction is to restrain the corporation from—"

"Say, what do you take this court for?" yelled Judge Skinem as he tore the writ into shreds. "The writ of injunction is not to be debased to such ends. I've a great mind to commit you for contempt of this court."

The attorney fled in haste, and as he disappeared through the door Judge Skinem wiped the perspiration from his noble brow and muttered:

"My, that was a narrow escape from losing the support of the most influential corporation in the district."

Brain Leaks

Economy is not parsimony.  
No one ever wins by merely wishing.

A clear conscience is a good cure for insomnia.

The world owes a debt of gratitude to its dreamers.

The repentent prodigal never criticizes the bill of fare.

The wage of sin is death, and the "ghost" never fails to walk.

A task approached with dread is usually doubtfully performed.

A whole lot of men who think they are independent are merely stubborn.

Men who have the easy jobs are the one who have tackled the hard work first.

It is a good policy that does not give the insurance company the best of it.

Men who have succeeded best as leaders have had long training as followers.

Heaven would be a lonesome place if salvation depended on doing instead of trying.

It is a mistake to think you draw nearer to God by getting away from your neighbors.

When you start out to look for trouble it is a waste of energy to take a microscope along.

Children move in the right direction much more readily when led than when merely directed.

If the average man were as big as he imagines himself to be, the world would be awfully crowded.

A whole lot of people who pride themselves on their smartness are constantly buying gold bricks of themselves.

The fact that a man yells "stop thief" is no sign he has had his pocket picked. He may be seeking to divert attention.

How often you hear it said of some professional man: "He is a mighty smart man, but he drinks so hard." The latter part of the quotation gives the lie to the first.

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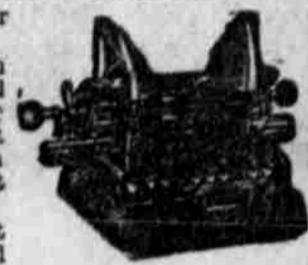
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