



The Citizen

For months he howled about reform
Until he split his throat;
But when it came right to the point
The man forgot to vote.

He swore he suffered grievous wrongs
And wept along the way;
But on November 6 forgot
It was election day.

The Trouble

On Labor day they marched away
With springy tread and proud.
Their lusty cheers rang on the ears
Of all the watching crowd.
They bore their union banners bright
And cocked their union hats,
But on election day, alas!
They voted with the "rats."

Of Course

"Is there any room in politics for
the young man?" we asked.
"To be sure there is," replied Sen-
ator Graball, "if he is the kind of
young man we are looking for. We'll
make room for him."

Failed

"Was Scribberly's new rural drama
a success?"
"No, the characters acted like real
country folks, and the audience
couldn't see anything funny about it."

Discouraging

"Do you think your father antici-
pates that I am about to ask him for
your hand?"
"Yes, Cholly. I saw him discon-
necting the telephone wires."

Cheaper

"Yes, I am going to ask Jack Slow-
un to my hallowe'en party."
"O, he'll just bore your company
to death with his stories."
"Of course, but we've got to have
someone crack chestnuts."

Hurrah!

Leaves have their time to fall
And flowers to wither as the north
winds fly;
But thou hast all seasons for thine
own,
O, pumpkin pie.

Puzzled

"I'm afeard, Maria," said Farmer
Kornsilck as he looked up from his
letter, "that our son James has got
inter trouble at th' university."
"O, I hope not, dear," said Mrs.
Kornsilck. "What does he say?"
"He don't say nothin' about his
trouble, but he's on his way home an'
he wouldn't leave school I know un-
less somethin' has nappened."
"Left school? I wonder what's the
matter."
"He don't say; he just writes that
he's half back, an' I guess we can ex-
pect him most any day now."

His Waterloo

Bigun, the famous football player,
staggered out of the door of the great
department store. His body was a
mass of bruises, his clothing was in
tatters, one eye was swollen shut and
his left ear was hanging by a shred.
"For mercy sake, what's the mat-
ter?" gasped a passing chum.
With a feeble moan Bigun replied:

"I tried to gain five yards down the
center of a crowd of women bargain
hunters at the necktie counter. When
I came to I had three downs and
fifteen yards to gain, so I gave up and
escaped while I had life enough to
move."

A True Dog Story

"Cinders" is a black and tan ter-
rier dog whose real cognomen is
"Cinderella." She is unusually
bright and alert and is a great favor-
ite in the neighborhood.

When the baby came "Cinders"
knew that something was wrong, but
it took her two weeks to learn just
what it was. Then she discovered
that the advent of the baby meant
that she was no longer the household
pet. Right there "Cinders" accumu-
lated a case of jealousy that was
wonderful to contemplate. As soon
as she saw a member of the family
approaching the baby she would
crowd in ahead and endeavor to at-
tract attention to herself. Finding
that this was not sufficient "Cinders"
gave up in disgust. As long as the
baby is allowed to lie in the buggy
"Cinders" will play about the house,
seemingly happy and care free. But
let a member of the family take the
baby and at once "Cinders" howls
dismally and insists on being let out
of doors, and usually seeks refuge in
the house next door where there are
no children.

The other day, while "Cinders"
was enjoying the refuge of the child-
less house next door, her mistress
came in with the baby for a little
visit. Immediately the lady of the
house grabbed the baby and "Cin-
ders" growled savagely. But no at-
tention was paid to her. She darted
out of the door and returned home
and since then has utterly ignored the
baby and all who play with the young-
ster.

Getting Even

The honeymoon was over and Mr.
and Mrs. Biggers were down to the
realities of life.

"Mollie," said Mr. Biggers, pushing
back from the dinner table, "this
bread is the limit. That was a hor-
rible confidence game you worked on
me before we were married."

"Why, what do you mean, Charley
Biggers?"

"Mollie, three or four times during
our courtship days you met me at the
door with your sleeves rolled up, your
bare arms smeared with flour, a dab
or two on your face and your fingers
all stuck up with bread dough. I ad-
mit you didn't say anything about it,
but you blushed as if I had caught
you doing something wrong. And to
think that I let a little con game like
that take me in. Mollie, that was
about the worst I ever had played
on me. I thought you were a bread-
maker, but this stuff—O, heavings!"

"Charley Biggers, I have no hesi-
tancy in admitting that I played a lit-
tle trick on you. But don't imagine
for a minute that I am the only con
game worker in this little family.
How often have you met me with
the odor of peppermint and sen-sen
on your breath? And how often did
you leave me sitting alone in the the-
ater while you went out to see a
man? And how many toothbrushes

did you wear out scouring the stains
of chewing tobacco from your teeth?
And how about those boxes of choco-
lates that suddenly ceased to come
after we were married? And how—"
"Mollie, dear," said Mr. Biggers,
walking around the table and taking
her in his arms; "Mollie, dear, I'll
take it all back. This bread is plenty
good enough for me. And if I re-
member rightly it is Juggleman's
chocolates that you prefer."

Political Proverbs

Politics is not a business; it is a
duty.

A bad candidate is the result of
careless citizenship.

A vote in the box is worth two
kicks against bosses.

The man who forgets to vote has
very little right to bemoan bad gov-
ernment.

The man who is not proud of his
suffrage is not a source of pride to the
community.

The man who fails to attend the
primaries has no right to kick about
a boss-ridden party.

If men were as zealous in religion
as they are in their partisanship there
would be more doing in church cir-
cles.

Brain Leaks

Tomorrow's tasks look easy today.

Exclusiveness is no sign of sanc-
tity.

Doubt dies when faith takes pos-
session.

The preacher cannot be good for
the whole congregation.

It is not enough to be good hearted.
You must be right headed.

Gossips would be stricken dumb if
all ears were plugged up.

"The early bird catches the worm,"
but it's rough on the early worm.

A lot of men have forgotten char-
acter in an effort to build up reputa-
tion.

Money has wings, but that is no
sign a man should let it fly away
with him.

No one ever meets a middle-aged
man who was not a good skater
when he was a boy.

The wise husband always expresses
surprise at his wife's diligence in put-
ting up fruit and pickles.

If all the great things planned for
tomorrow could be accomplished what
a splendid world this would be.

SUPPRESSIO VERI

After gravely criticising an alleged
attempt of the fusionist papers to con-
nect President Roosevelt's speech at
Harrisburg with state issues a repub-
lican organ says: "The legislation
Mr. Roosevelt spoke of was written
in the statute books by a republican
legislature and a republican governor."
True—with an important addition.

It was passed by a republican legisla-
ture at a special session after the peo-
ple by their vote at the polls had
rendered their verdict of condemna-
tion on the disgraceful record of the
same legislature at its regular ses-
sion. It was the adverse vote of the
people that sent the republican organi-
zation tumbling over itself in practi-
cal confession of its wrongdoing.

The republican organs take care to
suppress this phase of the matter.
But do they suppose that the people
who exercised their right of independ-
ent voting less than a year ago are
so stupid that they have forgotten
it?—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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