



Wonderful

Huh! What care I for all this talk
Of war with brash Japan?
And what care I for "yellow peril,"
The pigtailed Chinaman?
Let warriors clash and cannon roar
And spread war's reckless ruth;
I've got no time to notice it—
The baby's got a tooth.

They tell me Mr. Harriman
With greedy, lustful grasp,
Has got the railroads gathered in
His sternly squeezing clasp.
But I'm not worried. Greater things
Than railroad grabs, forsooth,
Demand my strict attention now—
The baby's got a tooth.

The president and Foraker
May scrap till they are through;
The whole canal bunch may resign
And vanish from our view
Without a bit of interest
To me—to tell the truth
The biggest thing in sight today
Is baby's brand new tooth!

Extreme

"Is Jones a vegetarian?"
"No, he is a fibrist."
"What's that?"
"He is always chewing the rag."

Success

"There goes a man who made a
great name for himself."
"Who is it and how did he do it?"
"His name was Smith, but he had
the legislature change it to Napoleon."

Limerick

There was a young man in Paris
Who watched all the sights with great
glis;
But at last he went broke
And exclaimed "Holy smoke,
I have squandered my money too
fris!"

A Valentine Day Story

Algernon Fitzmaurice awoke on the morning of St. Valentine's day and looked out upon the bright but cold world and thought.
"I can make it a fine bouquet and get a pair of trousers, or a little valentine and a whole new suit," he muttered.
Of course he finally decided on the big bunch of flowers and a pair of trousers. Having made the decision he went forth.
First he visited the florist and ordered a big bunch of roses, carnations and ferns. Tucking the box under his

arm he hastened to the furnishing store and purchased a pair of trousers. Then he hastened to a messenger office and hastily wrote a little note.
"Give me a messenger," he said to the manager.
Terrence McFagan was ordered out.
"Boy, take this box and this note to Miss Sophronia Gotrox, and this box to room 23, McHale building. And don't get your order mixed."

"All right, boss!" exclaimed Terrence as he grabbed the boxes and started.
Algernon Fitzmaurice then hastened to his work at the muslin counter in Sweet & Fakem's great emporium. But before he had the covers off his stock a horrible fear smote him, and for Algernon the day was spoiled.
What if the boy made a mistake?
At 8 p. m. Algernon Fitzmaurice rang the bell of the Gotrox mansion and was admitted. He was met in the hall by the fair Sophronia.
"Mr. Fitzmaurice, I fear you made a slight mistake this morning," said she.

Then Algernon knew the messenger had blundered.
"I, um, er—that is I, ah—explain my dear Miss Gotrox," he stammered.
"Step into the reception room sir, and I'll explain," said the fair Sophronia.
Algernon stepped into the room and there upon the marble centertable lay the big bouquet.
"I thought—that is you said, I understood—ah—"

"You evidently made a mistake and ordered too many of these beautiful flowers, Mr. Fitzmaurice. Certainly I do not deserve such a handsome valentine remembrance."
After that it was easy.
But it was awfully hard for us to keep from making this story end up the other way.
It was the messenger boy's fault, however. He delivered the right packages.

By Another Name

"How dare you try to influence me with money?" demanded Senator Graball. "How dare you try to bribe me?"
Conscious, however, of the rectitude of our intentions we did not quail at the senator's fierce anger.
"My dear senator," we protested. "This is not a bribe. This is merely a subvention."
A moment later the senator was on our side.
All of which proves that Shakespeare knew a thing or two himself.

The Fruit

"Miss Gladioulus," whispered Montmorency DeMudd, "will you, O, will you, be mine?"
Silently Gladioulus McSwat professed to Montmorency a yellow sphecoid commercially valuable because of its acidity.
"The yellow peril again!" hissed the disappointed young man as he started for the hat rack.

Ownership of the Ox

The head of the amalgamated trust having been elected to the United States senate and fairly onto the senatorial ropes, returned home to look after some private business affairs. While sitting in his office he was informed that a delegation from the employes wished to see him. He gave instructions that the delegation be admitted.
"Well, what can I do for you?" he asked.
"We have come to ask for an in-

crease of wages," said the spokesman. "The cost of living has increased 35 per cent and we find ourselves unable to provide for our families with our present wage."
"This is unreasonable, gentlemen. We are already paying all we can afford. I must refuse your demand."
"Then, sir, we will have to strike. We can endure this situation no longer."
"Strike! Why this is an outrage, right in our busy season. It will spell ruin for the company!"
"But we might as well starve idle as starve working," said the spokesman.
"This is anarchy," sputtered the senatorial manager. It is an outrage. Your demand for an increase is unreasonable. You should economize."
But the delegation walked out to report to the men. No sooner had they disappeared than a telegram was handed the senator. On reading it he ordered his valet to pack his grip.
"I must hurry back to Washington," he explained to the directors. "The bill to increase our salaries 50 per cent is coming up for a vote and I must hurry back and support it. The cost of living in Washington has increased so much it is no longer possible for a senator or representative to meet living expenses with his salary."
Before taking the train the senator-manager left word to have the workmen enjoined and a request sent to the governor to call out the troops.

Logical

"I haven't any use for a man who hasn't the nerve to meet me face to face and have it out with me," exclaimed Bingerly.
"That's right," replied Singlerly.
"Let him come to me like a man and say what he's got to say," continued Bingerly. "I hate a trimmer. By the way, let's cross the street to that letterbox I want to send Summerly a comic valentine and I've got a 'peach' of a good one here. It's sure to make him hot and he'd give anything to find out who sent it. But you mustn't give me away."

Brain Leaks

Pluck never complains of poor luck. It is a waste of time to give or listen to advice that you know will not be heeded.
Seeds of doubt are not likely to sprout if sown in a heart full of abiding faith.
The more money a man has the easier it is for him to talk about the "blessings of poverty."
A lot of people claim credit for being charitable because they give away stuff they want to get rid of.
When men sow the wind it is the innocent bystander who usually suffers most in the resultant cyclone.
When a man marries, in order to get a housekeeper, a woman who wants a home, there is bound to be trouble.
Reforms flourish best when allowed to get a fair start at home before being thrust across your neighbor's fence.
Some people make such a virtue of promptness that they forget to consider the matter selected to discuss at the appointed hour.
Many a matrimonial craft has been wrecked on a reef of poor bread. But more have been wrecked by failure to keep the crew well provisioned.
"Hitch your wagon to a star," was Emerson's advice. But wouldn't it be better to pull your wagon yourself and travel in the direction of the star?
The man who learns to look upon death as merely the finishing touches on an education for life, has learned the first real lesson in right living.
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