



Dolce Far Niente

When buds appear
Upon the trees,
And southern balm
Comes on the breeze,
I yearn to go
With line and hook
Where fishes grow
Within the brook.

When sunshine gleams
In sky of blue,
And purling streams
Their way pursue,
It's hard to write
A single rhyme,
Or to indite
Great length of time.

One longs to flee
Away from toil,
And stroll care free
From fierce turmoil.
And when one must,
With tired face,
Pound away just
To fill space.

The short line scheme
You here espy
Will to you seem
The best to try.
You grind awhile
With sober mien
But inward smile
As your machine

Grinds out the rhyme
Like sausage meat
And haste the time
When down the street
You take your way
In warmth of sun
And say "Good day,
My work is done."

O wondrous plan—
This short line rhyme.
The real wise man
Will all the time
Develop 'em
And get away
At 2 p. m.
'Most every day.

A Century Behind

Recently Maurice A. Low, the well-known publicist, wrote what he called a "new Lincoln story." It was to the effect that a man rushed into President Lincoln's office one day, and after hotly denouncing the senate asked: "What's the use of the senate, anyhow?" Mr. Low continues: "Mr. Lincoln was drinking a cup of tea. In his homely fashion he poured the tea from the cup to the saucer and

back again to cool it off, undisturbed by the caller's vehemence.

"Well, said the man, impatiently, 'what's the use of the senate?'" "I have just shown you," was Lincoln's answer, and once more the tea was poured.

"The man looked puzzled. Then a great light broke upon him. 'You mean it enables public passion to cool off?'"

"The greatest of American presidents nodded and drank his tea. "That, then, is the function of the house of lords."

That's a pretty good story, but in trying to palm it off as something new Mr. Low convicts himself of being a century behind the times. Mr. Lincoln did not originate the simile, nor was he the first one to use the comparison. When the constitution makers met more than a century ago, there was fierce opposition to the plan of having two houses of congress. Benjamin Franklin advocated the dual congressional body, and it was Franklin who used the cup and saucer argument.

Speaking of "new Lincoln stories," there are none. All the new ones are merely imitations of the real stories that Lincoln told—and poor ones, at that.

Our New Lexicographer

Graft—What the other fellows earns while we are thinking about going to work.

Justice—Something the other fellow ought to have but the thing we try to avoid.

Highwayman—The man who gets it before you get started.

Standpatter—The man who has got it.

Philanthropist—A man who gives collars to men who have no shirts.

Charity—A great homebody.

Liberality—Giving away what you have forcibly taken from others.

Endowment—A college financed as an anchor to windward.

Enterprise—Giving back the public 10 per cent of the 100 you make them give you.

The Worst

"Well, if another engineer hasn't quit his canal job," exclaimed Mr. Dusenberry, glancing up from his paper.

Mrs. Dusenberry continued her darning without looking up.

"I say, another canal engineer has quit his job."

"Well, what of it?" queried Mrs. Dusenberry.

"Great Scott, woman!" shouted Dusenberry, "this is becoming a great national scandal."

"I guess not, dear," said Mrs. Dusenberry. "Another cook left us today, but I'm getting so used to it that I don't worry any more. And cooks are scarcer than engineers."

A Long Dry Spell

Captain Charles Marple recently returned to Omaha after a long sojourn in the Philippines. A friend, meeting him on the street, and wishing to be a good fellow, said:

"Let's go have something, Captain."

"No, thank you," said Captain Marple. "I don't care for anything just now."

"On the water wagon?" queried the friend.

"O, not exactly," replied Captain Marple. "I'm a good deal like a friend of mine in the army of the Philippines. I saw him on a corner in Manila early one morning, and he was looking pretty seedy. Thinking to brace him

up I asked him to have a drink. "No, I'm on the water wagon," he said.

"I asked him how long he had been on the vehicle, and after thinking for a minute he replied:

"Day after tomorrow will be the third day."

Osculatory

A daring thief Jack wrought last night On darling little Rose.

He stole some things he wanted, right Beneath her very nose.

—Philadelphia Press.

'Tis to be hoped that if fair Rose Returned the blissful smack

Jack did not overlook a bet, But turned and kissed her back.

—Houston Post.

That may be as they do this job Down in the sunny south,

But if Jack lived here in the north He kissed her on the mouth.

No Recommendation

"This is a very healthful food preparation. It is guaranteed to add to the consumer's weight."

"I don't want it," exclaimed the thin customer. "We had to scrape the paper off the walls of our flat in order to have room enough to turn around."

Limerick

There was a young man in Wehawken Who shirked all his work to be tawken;

Till at last the boss, tired, The loquacious youth fired, And now the young fellow is wawken.

Brain Leaks

Conscience always gets in its work after the guilt has been discovered.

A lot of men have failed to distinguish between expediency and honesty.

A bird in the bush is better than two on the Easter bonnet.

A square meal to one who needs it is better than an investment in Easter lilies.

Trouble always hesitates to tackle the man who meets adversity with a smile.

Wouldn't this be a great old world if people would do as we say, not as we do?

When a man has plenty it is easy to tell people what to do with what they have.

The man who imagines that the earth is an orange usually acquires the lemon taste.

A whole lot of men who are demanding justice insist on doing the measuring for themselves.

Ever notice how mad a man gets when you try to get aboard the hobby he is riding?

We are not wholly to blame for making a mistake, but it is our fault if we make the same mistake twice.

A man named Wallet is running for office in St. Louis. The wallet has been in evidence entirely too much in our political games.

"Eat whatever your appetite craves," says a Baltimore physician. That's the kind of advice we like to hear. But what about getting what our appetite craves?

A whole lot of men who are always talking about their willingness to die for their rights won't even take the trouble to go to the polls and vote for their rights.

A FIGHTING STATE

Whenever you scratch Kansas history you find a fight. No territory of equal size has had so much war over so many different causes. Her story in Indian fighting, gambler fighting, outlaw fighting, town-site fighting and political fighting is not approached by any other portions of the west.—Outing Magazine.

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