



After While

As for tariff, we'll revise it,
After while;
Bust the trusts? Sure we'll devise
it,
After while.
We'll control the corporations,
Make 'em keep their proper stations
And maintain freight regulations—
After while.

We will hand each magnate his'n,
After while.
We will send 'em all to prison,
After while.
Income tax? Of course we love it
And we'll do our best to shove it
Till there's not a thing above it—
After while.

For reform we're most emphatic,
After while.
For the right we're all ecstatic,
After while.
But for subsidies we're crying,
For "bum" currency we're trying,
And we're going out 'fat frying'
Right now.

Probable

"I see by the papers that a fellow
claiming to be 102 years old says
he never kissed a woman."
"O, he isn't that old. Time has
dragged so for him that he just
thinks he is."

The Reason

"What's your hurry? Where are
you going?"
"Got to catch the steamer. Go-
ing abroad at once."
"For your health?"
"No; my purse. Process server
after me."

Amended

The private secretary of Senator
Graball quietly entered the room,
locked the door and remarked:
"We should begin at once laying
the plans for the campaign, senator.
Shall we take the people into our
confidence this time?"
"With slight amendments, yes,"
replied the senator. "Strike out all
after the first syllable of the word
'into' and let it go at that."

Needed Equipment

The head of the Measured Grease
company nervously paced the floor
and plucked at his toupee.
"Any signs of the bailiff?" he
queried.
"Not yet," answered his private
secretary from the watch tower.
Resuming his pedestrian exercise
across the tessellated floor of his
luxurious private apartments the
Great Magnate muttered:
"I fear he will come before my
submarine boat is ready to receive
me and hie away to the ocean fast-
nesses, where I shall be safe from
the petty annoyances of the anarch-
istic courts."

'Twas Ever Thus

We drove up to a negro cabin
stuck up on one of the side hills of
the Ozarks and engaged the man of
the house in conversation.
"How are you treated down here?"
we asked, being one of those curious
northerners.
"O, we've got nothin' pertikler t'
complain erbout," replied the col-
ored man. "An' it hain't no good er
complainin', nohow. Cou'se it kinder
grinds us ter have t' get inter de
'jim crow' kyars an' th' 'jim crow'

waitin' rooms, but I reckon hits all
right, sah."
"But why do you want to get into
the white folks' car and the white
folks' waiting rooms? Your own
cars and waiting rooms are good
enough for anybody."
"Cou'se dey is, sah. But what's
de use er wantin' what you got when
dars so much you ain't got what yer
kin be a wantin' for?"
To this bit of philosophy we could
make no reply, so it was up to us
to move on.

Aqueous

There's lots of water that has run
Across the mossy rocks
That never turned an old mill
wheel—
But it has watered stocks.

Cured

"Hello, old man! You seem to
be entirely cured of that bad case
of hay fever you had yesterday."
"Yes, the frost cured it."
"What! Frost this hot weather?"
"Sure. I didn't get home until 2
o'clock this morning, and my wife
met me at the door."

Surely

The humorist of the Buffalo News
says he would write a poem for
"Buffalo Old Home Week" were it
not for the fact that "nothing
rhymes with Buffalo, 2,763 news-
paper poets to the contrary notwith-
standing."
What, ho, my friend, in time you'll
find
Most any sort of guff'll go;
So seize your fountain pen and grind
A batch of verse on Buffalo.

The Telegraph Strike

The operators are on strike,
The wires all are dumb,
The world appears so quiet like
When "specials" fail to come.
I fain would know of Harry Lehr;
Is John D. on the links?
Pray what is Pittsburg's latest fad?
What is it Fairbanks drinks?

Is Kingdon Gould still champion
Of racquet and of net?
Has Standard Oil come to the front
And settled that fine yet?
What revolution now is on
Just south of Panama?
And, pray, what was the latest break
Of our own Leslie Shaw?

What "nature faker's" on the rack
And where's J. W. Gates?
What railroad was the latest cinched
For paying out rebates?
And still another thing I'd know—
Will some one tell me, quick—
Who is the latest victim of
Our president's "big stick"?

The operators are on strike,
The wires dumb and dead;
We miss the old-time "special" grist
So long before us spread.
The "Eastern War Cloud"—what
of it?
Has T. C. Platt resigned?
Was dog or cat the honored guest
When last the swell set dined?

And where did Taft speak yesterday?
And what of Cortelyou?
This agony of dark suspense
Is making me feel blue.
I know the strike is broken now,
But some one tell me, pray,
Why is the usual "special" stuff
So meagre every day?

Sparks

The emperor of Korea has re-
signed. Respectfully referred to T.
H. P. and C. M. D.

Mr. Rockefeller says the only way
to be happy is to do good to others.
Really, we hope he doesn't feel half
that bad.

The Knox boom is being inflated
with smoke. Pittsburg smoke, too.

Mr. Harriman has at last closed
the break in the Colorado river, and
the water is no longer pouring into
the Salton basin. All right now if
he doesn't take advantage of the oc-
casion to turn the water into his
railroad stocks.

August. Feeling a little warm.
The laundries use a poorer article
of starch in the collars than they
used when we were fifteen or twenty
years younger.

H. H. Rogers is reported ill. Must
be expecting a summons to testify
in another oil case.

Mr. Foraker is doing another lot
of gyrating. A regular case of "Call
of the Wild."

Deep Sea Tragedy

Why is it that the ocean moans?
That's what I'd like to know;
It may be that the lobster
Has pinched its under-tow.
—Chicago Journal.

And maybe it is just the pain
That thrills its bosom wide,
What time it shudders at the bar
And thinks of last night's tide.
—Cleveland Leader.

Perhaps you'd moan a bit yourself
If now and then a whale,
Escaping from a swordfish,
Should lash you with its tail.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

The fickle ocean wooed the moon,
They to a parson hied,
The sound you hear is only this:
The moaning of the tied.
—August Lippincott's.

Thus through the cols. the reasons
run
And rapidly grow worse—
Hast thought perhaps the ocean
moans
At reading of this verse?
—Buffalo Evening News.

The reason that the ocean moans—
Unless I make mistake—
Is 'cause a lot of guff like this
Doth make its bosom ache.

Brain Leaks

Psalm singing is not as good as
alms giving.
A cracked mirror indulges in many
unpleasant reflections.
The charity that always begins at
home is usually short-winded.
The best parts of a vacation are
the prospect and the retrospect.
Necessity is a good antidote for
laziness, but there is no sure cure.
The man who never knows when
he is down is sure to get to the top.
Ever notice that the week you lay
off is the hottest week of the sum-
mer?
Worrying about things that never
happen has driven many a man
frantic.

There may be a skeleton in every
closet, but what's the use of rattling
the bones?
The tears shed while crying over
lost opportunities are very apt to
blind the mourner to present oppor-
tunities.
An English scientist says that first
love can be explained on scientific
grounds. Perhaps, but what a
waste of time it would be to do it.

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