



Dickey Boy

"Now tell me a 'tory," says wee Dickey Boy,
When night pins her robe with a star;
When hushed is the strife of the workaday life
And troubled tomorrow's afar.
"Now tell me a 'tory," and cuddling close,
His little head pressed o'er my heart,
He smiles as he waits for the tale Dad relates—
"Let's see; now how does it start?"

"It's 'bout a big, black bear," says wee Dickey Boy,
As he cuddles up closer to me.
And thus well begun the bear story is spun
To wee Dickey Boy on my knee.
"P'ease tell it aden," murmurs wee Dickey Boy,
But e're the old tale is retold
Wee Dickey Boy's feet are soft pressing the street
That is paved with sweet Slumberland's gold.

Sometimes "Sing a song" is wee Dickey Boy's plea,
And Dad's up against it for fair;
For he lacks many things a man needs when he sings,
Including the tone and the air.
But to wee Dickey Boy Dad's a singer of fame
So Dad warbles of "birds in the pie"
"Dat's dood; sing aden," says Dickey Boy when
He tries to rub sleep from his eye.

Then of the old soldier with one wooden leg,
And his comrade, the sailor, I hum
Till his soft, happy sighs and his tired closed eyes
Inform me the sandman has come.
Then I kiss the sweet lips of my wee Dickey Boy,
And down in my heart—'way down deep—
I know fairies and gnomes sing to him as he roams
Through Slumbertown, county of Sleep.

The Balance Sheet

"It's all right to sing the praises of the hen," remarked Suburbanite.
"She is entitled to praise and lots of it, but it makes me tired to hear people say that the hen product is so much profit. I've got a dozen hens, and they provide me with from eight to ten eggs a day. At 25 cents a dozen that amounts to over \$50 a year. Sounds good, doesn't it?"

"But that isn't clear profit—not by a long shot. Those hens of mine got loose the other day and scratched up \$3 worth of garden seed in my garden. Then they flew into my neighbor's yard and scratched up about 'steen dollars' worth of his garden and an equal amount of flowers. It cost me \$30 to build a chicken house, and when I got it finished a grouchy neighbor proved that it was five inches over on his lot and it cost me \$8 to have it moved. I wear out about two pairs of shoes extra each year chasing those hens back into the chicken yard, and it seems that about three times a week my wife tells me I'll have to order another bushel or two of feed.

"Yes, the hen is all right, and she may be a source of great profit, but

you want to discount the figures a whole lot, my boy. I know."

Would Try

"I see that Mr. Rockefeller says, 'be content with what you have.'"
"I'd like to try being contented with what Mr. Rockefeller has."

Hard Luck

"Blinkerly is a chronic grumbler."
"What's he kicking about now?"
"Says he spends half his time dodging automobiles and the other half of his time envying those who own 'em."

Not Uncommon

"I see where a man after eating dinner in a French restaurant found he had no money, and left his false teeth for security."
"O, that's not so strange. I've left several good teeth in American restaurants."

He Does

"Does Closeun take much interest in politics?"
"I should say he does! He loaned me \$100 to make the campaign when I was a candidate for the legislature and he's been charging me 10 per cent a month for it ever since."

Needs Revision

"How did you make out with your revival of Shakespeare on the kerosene circuit?"
"It was a financial as well as an artistic failure," replied Hamphat DeRanter. "I withdrew my attraction until I could revise Shakespeare and bring it up to the times."

Warned

"Hello, Binks! What are you doing here in the butcher shop? I thought you were a vegetarian."
"Well, I was; but I've had my warning."
"What was it?"
"Saw by the paper this morning that Chauncey Depew gives all the credit to his vegetarian diet."

In Vain

"Pray, why did you jump over the moon?" we asked of the historic cow.
"O, I was merely trying to keep up with the price the packers will put upon my carcass," was the reply.
But I could tell by the plaintive note in the reply that the cow realized how far short her jump really was.

Different

"We've got to get out an injunction against those strikers," said the paper trust magnate. "They threaten to injure our business by their activity."
"But will they not retaliate by insisting that the injunction against you be enforced?" we queried.
"Well, I should say not," replied the magnate. "We'll not ask for the same kind of injunction."

Genesis of Politics

"Are you instructed, or were you left to advocate the cause of the best man?" queried Priscilla Mullins.
After considering the matter John Alden concluded that the instructions were not so binding, after all. Thus was furnished a precedent for politicians who would come a couple of hundred years later.

The Genuine "Fan"

Anyone can laugh and holler when the home team's in the lead
And the score is all lop-sided and opponents "off their feed;"
But commend me to the fellow who can smile and still stay sweet
When the visitors are winners and the

Home Team's Beat!

We contract a tired feeling when we hear a noisy "fan"
Knock the home team when it loses like a premium hammerman
'Stead of cheering up the locals with enthusiastic shout
And boosting like the mischief till the

Last Man's Out!

O, it's easy to be cheerful when the home team is ahead
And the kalsomine in plenty on the visitors is spread;
And it's easy for our faces to expand in joyful grins
When we've got the foemen going and the

Home Team Wins!

But the man we love the greatest is the man who smiles and smiles
When the visitors are hitting our home pitcher miles and miles.
He is always optimistic and it does us good to meet
With the man who keeps on boosting when the

Home Team's Beat!

Say, you fellows in the grandstand, and you on the bleachers, too—
Stop your knocking! Go to boosting! Help to pull the home team through!
Always be a cheerful loser—knocking bears most bitter fruit—
Though the goose eggs come a plenty for the

Home Team Root!

Brain Leaks

Everybody loves a cheerful liver.
Fine feathers make expensive hats.
Real sacrifice entails some inconvenience.

The dead can not enjoy flowers, but the living can.
Trying to be "one of the boys" has put many a good man to the bad.

The preacher who is popular with everybody is missing some golden opportunities.

The man who pays for the "Merry Widow" hat can not appreciate the jokes about them.

The fellow who is always boasting of being the "boss of his own house" is usually a grouch.

If champagne cost but 30 cents a quart most men who drink it would prefer a good quality of cider.

The men who are always complaining about "crooked politics" are the men who never try to straighten it out.

Wish we could take as much interest in some things as a baby takes in its own hands when it first discovers possession of them.

Whenever we see a man rigged out in lodge regalia we laugh to think what mean things some men say of the dress fads of the women.

When we want a man for a difficult task we are not going to hunt for the one who took the prize as the best waltzer at the picnic.

Some men always make a show of saluting the flag, and many of

them do not care a rap about the principles for which the old banner stands.

We know people who always applaud Mozart or Beethoven and secretly long for "Ol' Dan Tucker" and "Arkansaw Traveler."

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