



To Nelson W. Aldrich

O, Aldrich; Mr. Aldrich! With the accent on the "rich," You've got tariff tension tightened to the very highest pitch. You have got the screws all tightened till we feel the awful pinch; You have got us roped and hog-tied to the last hole in the cinch. Did you ever pause a moment as the days were gliding by And reflect that any lemon could be squeezed till it was dry? Well, you've squeezed us like a lemon in your awful tariff coil, While you looked out for the int'rest of your client, Standard Oil.

O, Aldrich; Mr. Aldrich! With the accent on the "rich," You have driven the consumer to the last remotest ditch. You've made use of Little Rhody to enhance the tariff graft, And at ev'ry plea for mercy you have long and loudly laughed. With a pose so patriotic, and a statesman's lordly mein, You have been the motive power of the tariff grab machine. And you've run us 'twixt the rollers till we're nothing but a splotch, But, unsatisfied, you tighten up the screws another notch.

O, Aldrich; Mr. Aldrich! With the accent on the "rich," You've forgotten what you promised and you take another hitch In the tariff coil about us; and upon the senate floor The revision that you promised simply means "come through with more." When you said "revision downward" it was but an Aldrich joke, For you really meant to raise—meant to raise it when you spoke. Well, you've got us, Mr. Aldrich, right where Caleb had the hen, And "revision a la Aldrich" simply means to boost again.

O, Aldrich; Mr. Aldrich! With the accent on the "rich," This is old Czar Trust's dominion and you are the czarovitch. With a "rod of steal" you rule us, and you laugh our plaints to scorn, And you make us pay rich tribute from the day that we are born. You have but to snap your fingers and we've got to toe the line Or the trusts you speak for daily grind us into powder fine. If we kick they'll bring a panic—so it's starve or pay the freight, And it's sure as day of judgment that we'll get an "Aldrich rate."

The Very Great Difference

A few years ago a New York labor leader named Sam Parks, business agent of the Structural Iron Workers, was detected in using his office for purposes of graft.

For weeks the great daily newspapers were filled with scare-head stories about Sam Parks and his crooked work, and his methods were held up as a sample of the awful means used by organized labor to enforce its demands. The daily newspapers experienced extreme difficulty in finding words of sufficient strength to enable them to express their contempt for Sam Parks.

Sam Parks, be it remembered, was a mechanic, without much education, and he died in prison.

But—and note the difference—the sugar trust, composed of men whom we have been asked to look up to as

"defenders of the national honor" and "protectors of the national credit," has just been caught in the crime of defrauding the government by means of false weights. Where Sam Parks grafted a dollar the sugar trust magnates have grafted thousands. Notice any four-column scare-heads in the great daily newspapers? Read any denunciations of the men who compose that giant trust? Any insistent demand from the great dailies that the big men of the sugar trust be put into the same kind of stripes that adorned the body of Sam Parks? What great daily newspaper that demanded the impeachment of Sam Parks is now insisting that the sugar trust magnates be thrust behind the same bars that confined the crooked and ignorant labor leader?

And, after all, what is the difference between the dishonest Sam Parks, labor leader, and the dishonest sugar trust magnate?

How it Really Works

Little Willie Washington once read a story about the boy who was looking for a job, and seeing a sign, "Boy Wanted," took the sign down and went in and said to the boss, "Mister, here's your sign." And when the boss angrily asked what the boy meant by bringing in the sign the boy replied, "Why, you don't need it any more, for I'm the boy."

According to the story the man was so impressed by the boy's action that he immediately employed him, and now that boy is general manager of the establishment and a half-owner, too.

So Willie Washington started out to look for a job. When he saw a sign "Boy Wanted," he took it down and marched proudly into the office of the establishment.

"Mister, here is your sign," proudly exclaimed Willie.

"What'n thunder do you mean by taking down my sign and lugging it in here, you impudent little rat!" shouted the irate man.

"Why, certainly you need it no longer, sir," said Willie, "seeing that I am the boy."

A minute later Willie struck the sidewalk in a heap, and a red-faced man, muttering things to himself, tacked up against the front of the building a sign which read, "Boy Wanted."

Thus did Willie Washington accumulate the first lesson in experience. A little later he knew better than to believe every story he read in the newspapers.

Wanted

A short time ago there appeared in this department some verses under the caption, "The Biggest Boy." A Kansas friend wrote some verses in reference thereto and sent them to this department, but they have been mislaid. If this meets the eyes of the Kansas friend will he be so kind as to send the verses in again?

Moral Training

Bill Toll was a colored youth who lived in a northwest Missouri town. One day he found a pocketbook containing \$50, and although he knew the pocketbook's owner Bill spent the money. He was arrested and sent to the Missouri penitentiary for three years. When his term expired he came back to his home. One of

the first men he met was Ira Peter, who had once owned Bill's father and mother.

"Well, Bill," said Uncle Ira, "I hope you have come back an honest boy."

"O, yaas, sah, Marse Ira; I'se honest now. Dey done teached me t' be honest while I wus down thar."

"Well I am glad of that, Bill. What did you do while you was in the prison?"

"I done worked in the shoe shop, sah, putting pasteboard soles on shoes what you sel in youah store, sah."

Commencement Note

"I understand that your daughter graduates this year, and that she is to be the valedictorian of her class. What will be her theme?"

"O, it will be the loveliest you ever saw—rose applique over Alice blue, with a ruche of chiffon, the dress being cut empress with a long trail edged with point lace and the bodice garnished with steel cut beads with short sleeves trimmed in Irish lace of almost priceless value with medallions down the left side to give it that lovely French effect and the corsage satin faced—O, I tell you my daughter's theme will make them all sit up and take notice."

Sad Mistake

"Poor Whilkens has been sent to the pen for ten years."

"What was his crime?"

"He put a tie on the track and wrecked a train."

"What was his idea—robbery?"

"No, he had a grievance and it preyed upon his mind. So he took revenge by throwing a train in the ditch."

"How foolish. He should have worked his way into the management and then wrecked the whole road. It would have paid better and he would have been hailed as a great man instead of being shut up as a common criminal."

Brain Leaks

A good book is cheap at any price. No man is wholly bad if his children run to meet him.

The man who stirs up trouble is usually blistered by the splatter.

Getting something out of life depends on putting something into life.

If each man could make his own weather we'd have more to worry about.

The smell of gasoline is no sure sign of the ownership of an automobile.

Good nature is the lubricant that makes the wheels of life run smoothly.

An occasional look at your boy's room may explain why he is on the streets so much.

The man who looks upon his work only as a necessity misses all the joy of his opportunity.

When we get so old we can't warm up at a ball game we're going to seek an asylum in a paresis hospital.

When somebody explains to us the spring resurrection we will be quite ready to diagram the scheme of human redemption.

The trouble with this thing of sowing wild oats is that so many innocent people are required to assist in the harvesting.

Just about the time a young man thinks his services are indispensable he is formally notified that he may look for another job.

We have often thought we might some time be rich if we could only get into the habit of carrying our loose change in a purse.

Thank goodness we have never yet been asked to fill out an assessor's blank while we were packing our household goods for moving.

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