



Whether Common or Not

By Will M. Maupin.

Concerning Uncle Joe

"You have got to take the tariff," says our jolly Uncle Joe; "Gulp it down, hook, bob and sinker, for the trusts must have the dough. And the trusts will always cough up for the trusty G. O. P. When the bosses need the money—that's the secret, don't you see?" And the trusts in drugs and rope, wool and cotton, oil and rope, Say that Uncle Joe's a dandy with the proper kind of dope.

"I insist," says Uncle Joseph, "that the Aldrich tariff law is the top-notch legislation, quite the best you ever saw. And the men who dare deny it are but traitors deep at heart Who should have in legislation not the smallest kind of part." And the trusts in tin and shoes, rubber, meat, and rotten booze, Say that Uncle Joe's a dandy with the sanest kind of views.

"All these men," says Uncle Joseph, as he chews his rank cigar, "I denounce as demagogic, and we all know who they are. They are enemies of progress, wild fanatics, brainless chumps, And we purpose seeing to it that they get their proper bumps." And the trusts in sugar, brass, lumber, copper, tar and glass, Say that Uncle Joe's a dandy with a talk that's real high class.

"Those insurgents are muckrakers," says our jolly Uncle Joe, "And are democrats at bottom, as each patriot should know. They would ruin our institutions, wreck the good old ship of state, By destroying our old party for which trusts still pay the freight." And the trusts in grain and bread, wire, coke, and coal and lead, Say that Uncle Joe's a dandy with a mighty level head.

One of the Fishermen

A contributor who declines to allow the use of his name, but who admits a weakness for rod and reel, sends this one in and says that it struck him as being about the funniest one he ever heard: A fisherman whipping a stream finally came to a point where a high wall came down close to the banks, throwing a grateful shade over a likely looking spot for angling. Suddenly he was startled by hearing a voice from the rear:

"Hullo, down there." Looking over his shoulder the angler saw a man peering over the wall and grinning a friendly if somewhat vacant grin. "Hello," replied the angler. "What yer doin' down there?" queried the man on the wall. "Fishing." "Gettin' any bites?" "No, I haven't had a single nibble, my friend." "How long you been fishin'?" "O, four or five hours." "You'd better come on in then, 'cause this is the insane asylum," shouted the man on the wall.

Revenge!!

No sooner had we arrived in the town than we noticed a crowd surging down the main street, running, milling, yelling and shouting. Naturally we were curious to know the cause of the excitement, but it was

not until we had accosted several excited citizens that we learned the facts.

"Why," gasped one hurrying man as he paused and caught his breath while satisfying our curiosity, "we've just got a dispatch from Washington giving the returns of the census of this here town, and now we are going to lynch the traitor that took the census."

Life

A little grief, and much of joy
Marks every day.
A wealth of love without alloy,
Along life's way.
A little toil, a little pain,
The glint of sun, the welcome rain,
And then comes night.
A peaceful rest at set of sun,
A welcome home when work is done,
And life's all right.

A time to meet, a time to part;
Friends come and go.
Hand clasping hand, heart beats to heart,
Comes joy, comes woe.
The radiant light of clear blue skies,
The welcome gleam in children's eyes,
Make hearts grow light.
A battle won for those loved best,
And troubles faced with merry jest,
And life's all right.

Accommodated

"My name is Smithers," airily announced the gentleman who had been ushered into the office of the general passenger agent of the P., D. & Q. railroad.

"Glad to meet you, sir," said the G. P. A. "What can I do for you?" "I'm thinking of taking a little trip, and as I am a man of great influence in my community I thought I'd just drop in and get a pass over your road."

"Just take the Tenth street viaduct, sir," said the G. P. A. "That's the only thing that goes over this road without paying since the anti-pass law was enacted."

Epistolary

A Lincoln man who is just now keeping bachelor's hall while the wife and children are in the country, is carrying around the following letter received from one of the kiddies:

"Dear Pappa, we are having a good time up here we miss the dog, when are you coming up? So no more at present your loving dauter."

Just Talk

He said he'd love to gaily reap
The waving fields of grain;
To mow the hay and stow away
In safety from the rain.
He talked about the harvest song
From early dark to dawn—
But I took note it was his wife
Who mowed and raked the lawn.

Corrected

"Did I understand you to have said that B Jones was going to take a trip in an airship?"
"Not quite. I said that he was so empty headed that if he took off his shoes he'd float away."

A Keen One

While attending the national convention at Omaha of the Associated Ad Clubs of America, Governor Eberhard of Minnesota said he once knew a country newspaper editor

who suspended publication because of lack of funds, and who started the paper up again six months later for the same reason.

There are a lot of country newspaper men who will see the joke.

Advice

Go to the ant, thou sluggard;
Consider her ways and be wise.
If you don't you'll visit your uncle
Whom three golden balls advertise.

MY OLD OHIO HOME

In the dear Miami Valley, there's a little cottage home;
I can see those hills and valleys where in childhood I did roam,
With my brothers, sisters, gay, romping, laughing all the day,
In my childhood's happy home so far away—
On a hill-side stands the cottage, and the river ripples by,
Where the golden hearted daisies turn their faces to the sky;
There the robins sweetly sing as they build their nests in spring,
In the dear Miami Valley far away.

Round the old piano gathered, oh, the picture ne'er grows dim,
I can see those happy faces, hear them sing their evening hymn,
In the old accustomed place, I can see my mother's face,
As she kissed us all good-night when pray'rs were said—
Far from the old home I've wandered and the days have glided by,
But the sacred mem'ry lingers and I often long and sigh,
Just to live those old days o'er, be a boy at home once more,
In the dear Miami Valley far away.

My heart is in Ohio, my childhood's happy home;
My heart is in Ohio, wherever I may roam;
And my eyes are blind with tears when I think of bygone years—
In the dear Miami Valley—far, far away.
—Official Bulletin Ohio Department of Agriculture.

TRY AGAIN

Two young ladies boarded a crowded tramcar and were obliged to stand. One of them, to steady herself, took hold of what she supposed was her friend's hand. They had stood thus for some time, when, on looking down, she discovered that she was holding a man's hand. Greatly embarrassed, she exclaimed:

"Oh, I've got the wrong hand!"
Whereupon the man, with a smile, stretched forth his other hand, saying:
"Here is the other one, miss."—Tit-Bits.

APPLIED HISTORY

First Professor—"My dear colleague, I'm a little puzzled. When did the first Peloponnesian war begin?"

Second Professor—"431 B. C."
First Professor—"Quite right, quite right. That is the number of my doctor's telephone. I was to call him up and tell him my wife is sick."—Fliegende Blaetter.

THE EVENING HUSH

"That deaf mute says he is certain his love is not reciprocated."
"Why? Because of his affliction?"
"No, the girl is a deaf mute, too. But she always turns out the light when he calls in the evening."—Brooklyn Life.

ARTISTIC

Mr. Blinks (in art museum)—"I didn't know you were such an admirer of curios, Mrs. Blunderby."
Mrs. Blunderby—"Oh, yes, indeed; I just delight in iniquities."—Boston Transcript.

THE EVIDENCE LOCATED
"Did you sweep your room, Bridget?"
"Faith an' I did, mum. If yez don't believe me, look under the bed."—Life.

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