



Whether Common or Not

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The Tariff

Tariff on soap,
Tariff on rope,
Tariff on sugar and copper,
Tariff on shoes,
Tariff on screws,
Those who must buy come a cropper.

Tariff on brass,
Tariff on glass,
Tariff on coffins and cradles,
Tariff on steel,
Tariff on meat,
Tariff on dippers and ladles.

Tariff on glues,
Tariff on booze,
Tariff on halters and bridles,
Tariff on boots,
Tariff on fruits,
Tariff on Bibles and idols.

Tariff on hay,
Tariff on clay,
Tariff on coal oil and candy,
Tariff on jugs,
Tariff on drugs—
Isn't that tariff a dandy?

Tariff on beets,
Tariff on sheets,
Tariff on woolens and cottons,
Tariff on beans,
Tariff on screens,
Isn't the whole tariff rotten?

Tariff on lead,
Tariff on bread,
Tariff on organs, pianos,
Tariff on straw,
Tariff on slaw,
Tariff on prunes and bananas.

Tariff on socks,
Tariff on clocks,
Tariff on all of creation,
But, glory be!
They didn't agree
To put a stiff tax on salvation.

Suspicious

"I hear that your engagement with Miss Dashem is off?"

"Yes; it was broken last week?"

"I don't want to be inquisitive, but would you mind telling me what caused it?"

"Not at all. Miss Dashem showed me a crazy quilt she had pieced from silk neckties."

"What did that have to do with it?"

"It struck me that a young woman who managed to get hold of that many neckties had enjoyed entirely too much experience in the engagement line."

Short Arm Jabs

The trouble about whitewashing Ballinger is that it will be mighty hard to find a man physically able to wield the large brush that will be necessary if the job is finished in this decade.

After carefully reading what the railroad managers have to say we are convinced that they believe they ought to be allowed to charge a rate sufficient to pay interest on their inflated dividends.

The proposition to sell eggs by weight is but a variation of the old shell game.

The statement that thirty billion disease germs have been found in one cold storage egg is but another proof that disease germs are willing to inhabit anything.

Mr. Cannon says he will be a candidate for re-election to the speaker-

ship. As an example of too previous enumeration of the poultry while the eggs are in process of incubation this is entitled to the ribbon. Mr. Cannon may not be eligible when the time comes.

Quite a number of g. o. p. congressional candidates are regretting that their nominating conventions were held prior to the Maine election.

Some of these days we hope to see a city that boasts of the kind of population it has, rather than the number.

The Illinois republican state convention seems to have had its forgettery working full time on the Lorimer person.

Since the Maine election the barbers have seriously considered raising the price of shaves to 20 cents for all g. o. p. candidates.

Doubtless there are a number of administration supporters who wish they possessed Senator Hale's political foresight.

"Dioxydiamidoarsenobensol" is the name of a new blood remedy recently discovered in Germany. Sounds like an administration defense of the Aldrich tariff law.

"Taft and Roosevelt have a conference" was a recent newspaper headline. We'll wager that Taft wasn't the one who was hoarse next day.

Kept Busy

"Where did you spend your vacation?"

"On a farm up in the northeast corner of the state."

"Gracious, how did you manage to pass away your time on a lonely farm?"

"O, no trouble at all. When I wasn't slapping mosquitoes I was picking sandbars out of my skin."

And Hurry, Too

"The man who invented the pay-as-you-enter street car system was a great genius."

"Fudge! He was only half a genius."

"What makes you say that?"

"He didn't begin it by inventing the come-when-you-want'em car system."

Sufficient

"There are a dozen reasons why I can not lend you the money, my friend."

"What are they?"

"Well, I haven't got it, and—"

"What'n thunder's the use of the other eleven?"

Sure!

"What good did you do your constituents during your term?"

"Well, I done some of them mighty good."

It was not until later that it dawned upon us that our language is very subtle.

Brain Leaks

Sunday service will not atone for Monday meanness.

Clocks were made to tell time by, not to kill time by.

The world loves a lover because it can have so much fun with 'em.

The half of the world that is ignorant of how the other half lives is

also very generally unconcerned about it.

Jealousy consists largely in always looking for something you hope never to find.

The man in love with his work is never much concerned about the whistle.

Men who labor for the reward of public approbation seldom hear the cheering.

Crooked politics thrives best where the cry of "vote the ticket straight" is loudest.

The more money one has the easier it is to talk about the blessings of poverty.

It would be easy to get to heaven if we were allowed to be the sole judges of our own conduct.

Funny, isn't it, but the boy who is so anxious at eighteen to have a heavy beard is even more anxious at forty to get rid of it.

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