

## WHETHER COMMON OR NOT.

### Content.

Little bit o' flour in th' bottom o' th' bin,  
Flitch o' bacon hangin' t' th' rafter;  
Pair o' rosy babies makin' lots o' din,  
Four walls ringin' with their laughter.

Plenty work t' do f'r t' keep th' wolf away,

A little stock o' eatin' in th' larder.  
Keep a-feelin' cheerful an' workin' day by day—

When trouble comes jus' work a little harder.

Little bit o' cottage a-standin' neat an' trim,

Mornin' glories 'cross th' window growin';

Eager faces watchin' as th' day is growin' dim

An' slantin' sun is longer shadows throwin'.

Watchin' an' a-waitin' t' greet me when I come,

Rosy lips their precious kisses givin'.

Such a greetin' waitin' f'r a fellow at his home

Surely makes his life well worth th' livin'.

Precious words o' promise f'r readin' ev'ry night

Point t' rest across th' river Jordan;

Search its blessed pages an' learn jus' what is right,

An' try almighty hard t' live accordin'.

Love's standin' waitin' at th' little garden gate,

Evenin' wind a blowin' baby tresses.

Ain't no cause t' murmur or grumble at my fate—

He who works his best th' good Lord blesses.

### Our Oratorical Bureau.

The campaign of 1902 is upon us, fellow citizens. Soon the campaign orator will be abroad in the land, and passion will be torn to tatters, the old flag will be waved aloft, the raucous voice of the campaign speller will be heard in the commonwealth.

For many months the republican national committee has maintained a press bureau at Washington, and this bureau furnishes ready-made editorials for the republican newspapers throughout the country. This is all right, for it relieves the editors of republican newspapers of the task of thinking, which is a good thing for two reasons: First, thinking is not conducive to the writing of editorials calculated to benefit the republican cause; second, by having the editorials manufactured at headquarters there is no danger of the editorials crossing, as would be the case if each individual editor endeavored to write his own republican editorials.

But so far the republican national committee has discriminated against the republican spell-binders. While providing editors with ready-made editorials it has not established a bureau for the purpose of providing ready-made campaign speeches. It is with a view to rectifying this unjust discrimination that this department has established a republican campaign speech bureau. Below will be found the skeleton framework of a few campaign speeches suitable for republican orators. Care must be taken to select a speech that will fit the community in which the speaker appears. For instance, it would be unwise to use a speech denouncing pauper labor while addressing miners in the anthracite coal regions, and equally unwise to advocate branch banks and asset currency outside the pale of Wall street influence. If the g. o. p. spell-binders manifest proper appreciation of this department's interest in their

welfare other skeleton speeches will be furnished from time to time.

### SPEECH UPHOLDING THE PHILIPPINE POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND THROWING THE HARPOON INTO THOSE WHO OPPOSE IT.

Fellow Citizens. (Never forget that introductory.) We are offering the Filipinos— Blessings of liberty— Gallant army that bears aloft the starry banner of the free and carries blessings— Traitorous attacks on our brave soldiers— Sons of the men who wore the blue march side by side with the sons of the men who wore the gray— The blessings of Christianity— Traitorous hands shall not turn back our glorious march of destiny— Beneath the folds of that glorious flag— Manifest destiny demands that we give the Filipinos the largest measure of self-government consistent with their welfare and our interest— Duty demands— We only seek to benevolently assimilate—

(Play up the old flag scene strong, taking care to have a flag where you can touch its waving folds and work in plenty of theatricals.)

### SPEECH UPHOLDING THE NATIONAL HONOR AND ROASTING THE REPUDIATORS AND ASSAILANTS OF THE NATION'S CREDIT.

Friends and Fellow Citizens. (Accompany introductory with wave of right hand.) Honor of the nation— Money good all over the world— Soiled hands of those who would attack nation's credit— Insane repudiationists— Mountains have yielded up their store of yellow metal— Providence— Channels of commerce congested with— Nation's credit— Gold the money of the world— Rock of our national honor— Wild-eyed silver fanatics— Crazy theorists— Blessings of Providence— Credit of the nation— Those who would Mexicanize our republic— Par with China— Fifty-cent dollars— Flat money— Silver mine owners— Stores of gold unlocked by far-seeing eyes of republican statesmanship— Uncle Sam the banker of the world—

(Carefully avoid reference to the Fowler bill, and if interrupted by an opponent have some retort handy that will tickle those who believe as you do, but will not be a reply to the question. Never try to honestly answer questions of a bimetalist. Abuse him. Whoop it up for national honor and national credit.)

### SPEECH ADVOCATING PROTECTION TO AMERICAN INDUSTRIES AND SCALPING THOSE WHO ADVOCATE UNRESTRICTED TRADE WITH THE WORLD.

My Fellow Countrymen. (That will hit 'em hard if used with the right emphasis.) Let well enough alone— Full dinner pail— Pauper labor of Europe— Soup houses— Markets of the world— Reaching out to capture the trade of the world— Busy hum of industry— The smoke from a thousand furnaces— Full dinner pail again— Days of panic and disaster— Friends of the workingman— Ignus fatuus of free trade— Pauper made goods of Europe (play that strong)— Flag floats over happiest workingmen— Banner of the free— Grand old republican party— True friend of the wage-worker— Let well enough alone— Four years more of the full dinner pail—

(Bear in mind that this speech must not be aimed at the heads of the people. Its billet is the stomach. Work up a good sweat and weep hot, scald-

ing tears at the thought that American workingmen should be forced to the level of the pauper laborers of Europe.)

These are mere outlines. However, if proper care is used in filling out the outlines here presented, good, average republican campaign speeches will be the result. In view of recent events in Cuba care should be taken to avoid all reference to the flag "staying put." Be careful in making quotations from dead and gone republican leaders, especially from Lincoln and McKinley. The safest plan is to quote nothing, and say nothing calculated to make your hearers think.

Spell-binders using these outlines will confer a favor on the management by reporting results.

### Anxious.

"Fellow citizens!" shrieked the candidate for the legislature, "it is written in the book of fate that where our glorious flag has been put, it will stay put. I read those pages and I see many things. I see our glorious destiny pictured out. I see—"

"Say," interrupted the little man in the rear of the hall, "look again and see if it's writ there that you're goin' to pay me that three dollars I loaned you two years ago last September."

### Brain Leaks.

The doubter worries; the believer hopes.

When the homes are right the streets are boyless.

Patient plodding puts petty scheming to flight.

The faith of the mother is the refuge of the wayward.

Trusting your own strength is to lean on a broken reed.

Flattery has ruined more men and women than adversity.

The man who accepts defeat is always talking about fate.

The applause of the wicked removes no stones from your path.

Nations, like men, exert their greatest influence by example, not by force.

Some men spend enough time mourning over defeat to win glorious victories.

Some men train their consciences to approve everything they do and then plead it as an excuse.

Employing choirs to do your singing is very much like employing men to live righteously for you.

Trying to spread the gospel of peace with bayonet and sword is like trying to wash charcoal white.

Some men give to the poor for the purpose of lending to the Lord with the expectation of securing usurious interest.

The man who is always boasting that his word is as good as his bond usually experiences difficulty in inducing men to accept either.

—Will M. Maupin.

### The Inimitable Wu.

At a recent debate at the Columbian university, in Washington, the gentlemen selected to act as judges were Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court, ex-Senator Chandler, president of the Spanish claims commission, and the Chinese minister, Wu-Ting-Fang. At the conclusion of the debate the judges retired to consider the arguments. When a decision was reached it was found the executive committee had neglected to designate which of the three gentlemen was to act as chairman.

"Well," said Mr. Chandler, "I propose that Justice Harlan announce the decision, as that is part of his regular business, anyway."

"Yes," remarked the judge; "that's true; still I think we ought to go

across the Pacific for our spokesman tonight."

"Oh, no," replied Minister Wu, promptly; "you Americans go across the Pacific for your islands, not for your spokesmen."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### His Sleeping Soul.

De country seek de coolin' spot  
Whar all de shadders creep;  
But de sun he shine so sweet en hot  
He put my soul ter sleep!

En I des can't sow or reap  
On de plain en mountain steep;  
De sun he shine so sweet en hot  
He put my soul ter sleep!

He lak a furnace, way up dar,  
Set in de blazin' skies  
Whar I kin read my title c'ar  
Wid my perspirin' eyes!

En I des can't sow or reap  
On de plain en mountain steep,  
Fer de sun he shine so sweet en hot  
He put my soul ter sleep!

—Atlanta Constitution.

### An Unfortunate Example.

In his speech yesterday Senator Clapp suggested that the good faith of the United States exhibited in the establishment of the Cuban republic should be used as an example in convincing the Philippines that the Americans intend ultimately to establish a government in the islands which will inure to the benefit of the natives. Whether the dissemination of reports of the methods pursued in Cuba would most conciliate or irritate the Philippines is a question. But it is not improbable that the Oriental ex-subjects of Spain might find ground for complaint in the fact that their treatment by the Americans was so different from that given to the Caribbean subjects. Laying aside the absence of the water cure and orders to make the country a howling wilderness the Filipinos will naturally inquire why the Cubans should be granted self-government and they be refused. Without discussing the capability of the Filipinos for independence or the possibility or advisability of a Philippine republic on the lines of the republic of Cuba it will not be surprising if the news from Havana has anything but a pleasing effect upon the late followers of Aguinaldo.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

### CATCHING

#### The Coffee Habit Breeds Trouble

It is quite commonly the case that both husband and wife are somewhat similarly troubled with coffee drinking.

A lady writes and, after giving description of her husband's relief from coffee dyspepsia and general nervous trouble, says, "I was almost as bad as he, having the headache nearly every day and was nervous and weak, did not sleep well, was pale and thin and had a bad complexion.

When I found how much good Postum Coffee was doing Husband I concluded to use it and I tell you life is altogether a different thing. I eat and sleep well and look like a different woman. My usual weight for years was from 98 to 100 pounds, I now weigh 108 pounds and everyone tells me how much better I am looking.

I had some friends who did not like Postum, but knowing it was because they did not boil it long enough I made some at their house one day, and they agree with me that Postum is a delicious beverage, and while, of course, the flavor and taste is pleasing and we are glad Postum does suit us that way, the great advantage is in the wonderful, bounding health that we have recovered." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.