

## WHETHER COMMON OR NOT.

### After While.

We're going to be just to our wards  
o'er the sea,  
After while,  
But we're going to exploit them upon  
the "Q. T."  
All the while,  
And till we have gobbled their lands,  
every foot,  
You can bet your last dollar the flag  
will stay put,  
And the right of our actions we'll  
prove by E. Root,  
After while.

I'll shackle the trusts with a strenu-  
ous hand,  
After while,  
I'll strangle the throats of the robber  
trust band,  
After while,  
I've got my own method, and got it  
down pat,  
And by the broad brim of my bat-  
tered felt hat  
We've got to go slow till we're done  
frying fat—  
After while.

We've got to have money to make a  
campaign,  
After while,  
And I'm hoping that Marcus will fry  
fat again,  
After while,  
So I've got to be careful and not  
alienate  
The big corporations that pay all the  
freight,  
So a trust-burdened people must pa-  
tiently wait—  
After while.

Mr. Knox is preparing the shackles  
with care,  
Now don't smile,  
He knows all the trusts—he was usu-  
ally there—  
All the while,  
He'll shackle them all in the sweet  
by and by,  
But not until Marcus has fried 'em all  
dry,  
Then Knox will get busy, with a wink  
of his eye,  
After while.

I'm going to get ready to tackle the  
job,  
After while,  
And shackle the combines that cease-  
lessly rob  
All the while,  
But now I must ponder and peraspire  
and pore  
Over schemes to connect me with  
nineteen naught four,  
And meanwhile I'll strenuously rip,  
rant and roar  
All the while.

### Explained.

"Did Orpheus Holder explain why  
he betrayed his constituents on that  
anti-trust plank in the platform?"  
"Yes. He said he had to have  
money to pay the expenses of his cam-  
paign for re-election."

### A Story With a Moral.

(Told with proper acknowledgements  
to the Old School Reader.)

Once upon a time a Lark builded her  
nest in the grain fields of a farmer,  
thinking that her brood would be full  
fledged before harvest time appeared.  
But the grain ripened rapidly and the  
Lark began worrying lest the harvest-  
ers set to work before her nestlings  
were ready to fly.

One evening, when the Lark re-  
turned to her home, her nestlings said  
to her:

"Mother, the owner of the field was

out here with his three sons this  
morning and noted that the grain was  
ripe. Then he told his boys that he  
would go over to his neighbor tomor-  
row and ask them to help him garner  
the grain. Would it not be best for  
us to move?"

"Not yet, my children," replied the  
Lark.

The next evening, when the Lark  
returned home, her nestlings said to  
her:

"Mother, the farmer was out in the  
field again and said that of a surety  
he would send over and ask his neigh-  
bor to help him garner the grain. Let  
us be moving ere danger comes."

"Not yet, my children," replied the  
Lark. "We yet have time."

The next evening, when the Lark  
returned home, she asked:

"Children, did you see the owner of  
the field today?"

"Yes, mother; and he told his boys  
that his neighbor would be over on the  
morrow to assist in the harvest. We  
beg of you to move ere this great dan-  
ger overwhelms us."

"Be patient, dear ones," replied the  
Lark. "There is yet time."

On the Lark's return the following  
evening her children said:

"Mother, the farmer was again in  
the field today and told his sons that  
it was of no use to wait longer for  
the assistance of neighbors, and that  
early tomorrow morning they would  
set about to harvest the grain without  
assistance."

"Then, my dears," exclaimed the  
Lark, "it is time we be up and go-  
ing."

So saying the Lark led her children  
out of the nest and away from danger.

Moral: The trusts will not move  
until the people act for themselves.

### Pertinent.

Cynicus—"Josh Billings once said  
that 'eny man kin whip a elephant  
when there ain't no elephants around.'"

Partycus—"Well, what of it?"

Cynicus—"O, nothing; only the pres-  
ident is doing a lot of trust busting  
now that congress has adjourned with-  
out doing anything to the trusts."

### After Gray.

Full many a trust, behind a tariff wall,  
Doth exercise a huge financial sway;  
Full many a threat to push them to a  
fall

Comes floating on the air from Oys-  
ter Bay.

### Ample Reason.

The committee was ushered into the  
room occupied by Senator Grabball  
and warmly welcomed.

"What can I do for you, my friends,"  
asked the senator.

"We have come to ask you why you  
voted against the bill providing for  
the popular election of senators after  
being convinced that your constitu-  
ents desired the adoption of that mea-  
sure," replied the spokesman of the  
committee.

"Gentlemen, I am truly glad of this

opportunity to explain my position.  
I voted against the bill because I did  
not think it best. I have many meas-  
ures in view calculated to benefit the  
people, all of which I shall endeavor  
to enact into law after my re-election."

"But why did you not support this  
one measure which the people want?"

"Because, gentlemen, I fear that if  
I had to depend upon the people I  
would not be returned to the senate,  
thus depriving the people of an earn-  
est champion."

Realizing that Senator Grabball  
doubtless knew his own record better  
than they, the committee thoughtfully  
retired.

### A Little Fable.

WHEREIN IS RELATED THE EASY  
METHOD BY WHICH THE PUB-  
LIC IS ALWAYS FOUND HOLD-  
ING THE SACK:

A Railway Merger, while meander-  
ing down the public Highway, met a  
Citizen sitting disconsolately by the  
Roadside.

"Why so Sad?" queried the Railway  
Merger.

"I have been Thinking," replied the  
Citizen.

"Ah, that proves what I have often  
contended, that Citizens who pay the  
freight have no Right to Think," ex-  
claimed the Railway Merger.

"But I was thinking of how you  
told us that when you were Fully  
Grown we would receive vast Benefits  
by reason of Decreased Operating Ex-  
penses, and now we behold that when  
you have Everything your own way  
you put the Screws to us and squeeze  
out all the Traffic will bear."

"It is true that I so Declared,"  
replied the Railway Merger, "but you  
neglected to consider the element of  
Human Nature. Having the Oppor-  
tunity I would be Criminally Negli-  
gent to pass it by."

Moral: Private Monopolies are al-  
ways short on Conscience and long on  
Human Nature when they Get Next.

### Perhaps.

Perhaps the president thinks he can  
remove the trust evil by suggestion.

### Modern Definitions.

Reciprocity—Keeping the good  
things for ourselves and giving the  
other fellows everything they don't  
want.

Protective Tariff—A license to rob  
without fear of punishment.

Strenuous—Wig-wagging with the  
inferior maxillary.

Shackles—Part of a conjurer's out-  
fit.

Charity—A good thing for the slug-  
head writers on the daily newspapers.

Justice—Something usually strenu-  
ously demanded by interests that do  
not want it.

### Brain Leaks.

Only the rich realize the blessings  
of poverty.

Heap Threat and Do Nothing never  
killed a trust.

Today accomplishes things while  
Tomorrow is yawning.

The easiest way of doing a thing  
generally profits the least.

There is something wrong about the

repentance of the prodigal who in-  
sists on doing the carving.

Heaven is not to be reached by  
dodging up the back alleys.

Private monopolies are never fright-  
ened at threats of tomorrow.

He who spends much time in threats  
seldom has the courage to dare.

Some men imagine that the govern-  
ment is strengthened by weakening the  
people.

Charity that has a press agent at-  
tachment gets little credit on the re-  
cording angel's book.

The gospel of peace that requires a  
gating gun attachment is sadly in  
need of prayerful renovation.

Allowing the tariff to be revised by  
its friends is very much like allowing  
burglars to enforce the laws against  
housebreaking.

The man who insists on his right  
to give other people what he thinks  
they need usually manages to keep  
the best for himself.

—Will M. Maupin.

### Always "Going to."

Great Scott! The administration an-  
nounces that it is going to prepare  
some legislation for the regulation of  
trusts. Such a course after numer-  
ous republican platforms have pointed  
with pride to the splendid Sherman  
law as an effective remedy for trusts  
is almost revolutionary.—Indianapolis  
(Ind.) Sentinel.

## Mother's Girl.

There exists often a very beautiful  
companionship between the mother and  
her daughter. The intimacy is frank,  
free and sympathetic. But some day  
the mother feels as if something had  
chilled this intimacy. The child is  
silent and sad, and seems to shun her  
mother instead of seeking her.

This change very  
often occurs when  
the young girl is  
crossing the bor-  
der line of woman-  
hood. She is mor-  
bid, nervous, fear-  
ful, as she enters  
upon this new ex-  
perience.

The use of Dr.  
Pierce's Favorite  
Prescription at  
such a time will  
do more than re-  
store the normal  
balance of mind  
and body. It will  
establish the wom-  
anly function upon  
a basis of sound  
health, as well as  
improve the appe-  
tite, nourish the nerves, and promote  
the general physical health.

"Two years ago my daughter's health began  
to fail," writes Mrs. Dan Hall, of Brodhead,  
Green Co., Wis. "Everything that could be  
thought of was done to help her but it was of no  
use. When she began to complain she was  
quite stout; weighed 170—the picture of good  
health, until about the age of fourteen; then in  
six months she was so run down her weight was  
but 120. I felt I could not give her up as she  
was the only child I had, and I must say, Doc-  
tor, that only for your 'Favorite Prescription'  
my daughter would have been in her grave to-  
day. When she had taken one-half bottle the  
natural function was established and we bought  
another one, making only two bottles in all, and  
she completely recovered. Since then she is as  
well as can be."

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