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FOREWORD

Mr. Will M. Maupin, whose literary productions fill this volume, has been a member of the staff of The Commoner during its more than two and a half years of existence, and I take genuine pleasure in commending his work to those who enjoy innocent fun, delicate humor and philosophy seasoned with sentiment. His tables, dialogues and paragraphs are to the point, and the wit is made subservient to the argument he presents. He is especially happy in his verse when—as he often does—he deals with the tender attachments of the family and the homely virtues of every-day life. The moral in his writings is always apparent and paramount, and I contribute this foreword in the belief that the book will benefit those who are led to peruse it.
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 We have asked you this before,
Mr. Knox,
 but is your vacation o'er,
Mr. Knox?
 We would really like to know,
 For the wintry breezes blow,
 And we'll soon have ice and snow,
Mr. Knox.

And perhaps you are aware,
Mr. Knox,
 That your old side partner, Baer,
Mr. Knox,
 Gets up in the morning bright
 And keeps hoisting out of sight
 The cash price of anthracite,
Mr. Knox?

If your spell of play is done,
Mr. Knox,
 Time your duty is begun,
Mr. Knox.
 Of injunctions we are sick,
 For they do not turn the trick—
 So do something else right quick,
Mr. Knox.

If you'd take the proper course,
Mr. Knox,
 And the Sherman law enforce,
Mr. Knox,
 You could bust the trusts today
 And by doing earn your pay,
 But you were not built that way,
Mr. Knox.

We well know just why you pause,
Mr. Knox,
 Well we know it is because,
Mr. Knox,
 You were not put there for that
 By the trusts who yield the fat,
 But to shield them—and that's flat,
Mr. Knox.

If you think we do you wrong,
Mr. Knox,
 Prove it by some effort strong
Mr. Knox.
 Get the law on scheming men;
 Chuck 'em in the prison pen,
 And we will believe you then,
Mr. Knox,

And you can safely bet that we'll
 not believe it until you do something
 beside talk and get out pitiful injunc-
 tions that accomplish nothing.

The Retort Courteous.

Once in a while one finds a street
 car conductor who is inclined to be
 just a bit gay.

A few days ago a youth, plainly
 from the country, boarded a Farnam
 street car in Omaha, and after the
 car started he spoke to the conductor:

"Do you know Mr. Atwater, sir?"
 The conductor winked at some men
 on the platform and replied:

"Intimately. Are you going to strike
 him for a job?"

"Yes, sir," replied the youth.
 "Well, if I wasn't so busy managing
 this railway company I'd go over with
 you and recommend you," said the
 conductor.

"Much obliged, sir, but I rather you
 wouldn't. You see I want to make a
 good impression the first time I meet
 him."

And the conductor was so rattled
 that he rang the register twice as a
 signal for the motorman to go ahead.

Surprising.

The big boy entered the school and
 immediately began bullying the small-
 er boys. He was a rough, coarse and
 brutal little tough, and the way he
 made the smaller boys stand around
 was aggravating to see.

One day the smaller boys held a
 secret meeting and set about devising
 ways and means to dethrone the bully.

After much discussion a pale,
 thoughtful youth with a bulging brow
 said:

"Boys, I cannot, I really cannot,
 stand this imposition any longer. The
 next time he endeavors to bully me I
 shall resent it."

The meeting dispersed, the pale and
 thoughtful youth walking away with
 a determined air, followed by the ad-
 miring gaze of his comrades.

The very next day the bully pitched
 onto the pale and thoughtful youth
 and instantly a fight resulted. It lasted
 but a brief moment.

O, that we were permitted to say
 that the pale and thoughtful youth
 whipped the bully to a frazzle. But
 love of truth prevents. The pale and
 thoughtful youth lasted about as long
 as a fifty-pound chunk of ice on an
 August day.

And after that the young bully was
 worse than ever.

A Purist.

"Hello!" exclaimed the hurried man
 at the telephone. "Is this Short-
 weight & Littleton's coal office?"

"Yes."
 "What's hard coal worth a ton this
 morning?"

"Hard coal is worth four dollars a
 ton this morning."

There was a gasp from the hurried
 man, but evidently he recovered
 quickly, for he shouted:

"Four dollars! Send me five tons,
 quick."

"Beg pardon, sir," said the clerk in
 the coal office, who happened to be a
 recent importation from Boston,
 "while hard coal is worth but four
 dollars a ton the price is ten fifty de-
 livered."

This little incident teaches us the
 necessity of being careful of our lan-
 guage if we would avoid unpleasant
 emotions.

Medical.

"Did you strike old Trustleigh for a
 job?"

"Yes, and got a bad case of chills
 and fever."

"How's that?"
 "Old Trustleigh gave me the frozen
 face and the head clerk fired me."

At Last.

"What's good for seasickness?"
 "Going to sea."

Brain Leaks.

Wild oats furnish an awfully poor
 mill product.

A lot of people would rather be in
 style than out of debt.

With a whole lot of people prejudice
 passes for information.

Only the foolish allow a small trouble
 to spoil a great pleasure.

The easiest way to finish a job is
 to begin it right, and right now.

We grow wiser by forgetting a great
 many things we thought we knew.

The Christian who goes to church
 thankless comes away with a blessing.

It depends a great deal on the bind-
 ing whether it is "literature" or not.

Our enemies never fail to criticize,
 but our friends often forget to praise.

Golf is little more than the old-
 fashioned game of shinney played one
 at a time.

The youth who affects the biggest
 chrysanthemum always reminds us of

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The sting of defeat is always re-
 moved by the consciousness of having
 fought for the right.

Society countenances some things
 that its members would not counte-
 nance in their homes.

The church congregation that is al-
 ways trying to eat itself out of debt
 is usually engaged in a desperate
 struggle.

Some people pose as philanthropists
 because they give something they do
 not want for themselves to somebody
 who needs something else a great deal
 more.

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