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A Busted G. O. Argument

He would rear and swear and tear if any said the sacred tariff was not all that kept the nation off the reef. He would use words quite volcanic to convince each tired mechanic that the tariff saved him panic and much grief.

"You must vote for more protection at each opportune election if in fullness you would save your dinner pail. For where trade that's free carouses you will hang around soup houses with dread care upon your brows as oft you fall."

Thus he spoke in tones pedantic as he hustled 'round so frantic to secure the labor vote for tariff laws; swearing that no panics blasted while republican rule last d, and a future bright forecasted, "just because."

"Keep protection!" he insisted as the screws he turned and twisted, "and you'll always have the bulging dinner pail. Just support the grand old party and you'll all keep fat and hearty, and you'll feel no need to start a labor wall."

Then there came a clap of thunder and his feet were knocked from under by a panic that played hob with sentiment. Tariff high in operation and each branch of the whole nation 'neath his party's domination. "Bang!" things went.

Bottoms dropped from dinner bucket from Seattle to Nantucket, and soup houses were established far and wide. While the barons praised protection workmen, filled with deep dejection, found upon a close inspection that they lied.

Now the sensible standpatter—if there be such—knows no matter how he talks of tariff and the g. o. p., that the workers, while they're walking idly down the street are talking, and the words they use are shocking as can be.

Tariff dope no longer fools 'em; threats of idleness can't rule 'em, for experience has made 'em wise, you see. And, unanimous, they swear if they can get a crack at tariff what they'll do will be enough November 3.

Far Above

"Bilkins says his wife is far above the average person."
"What makes him think so?"
"He read the other day that the average person's vocabulary is limited to less than 1,200 words, and he says his wife can double that average inside of ten minutes after he gets home too late at night."

Useful

"After spending a large sum of money on your son's college career do you think that his education fits him for a life of usefulness?"
"Well I guess I do!" exclaimed Farmer Cornrose. "Jim was the boss fellow on th' football team, took th' record f'r throwin' th' hammer, was stroke on the crew, an' broke every liftin' machine they had in th' playhouse. That's him over there diggin' postholes, an' his strength is comin' into bully play right now, with th' ground frozen eleven inches and th' posthole digger

duller'n a tariff standpatter's argument."

Encouraging

"They tell me that Sugarman experienced religion at the revival. How about it?"
"Well, he isn't saying much, but I notice that he has run some melted lead into the weights on his counter scales."

March

Don't you fret about the weather
For the rain and sleet and snow
Blowing down on hill and heather
Make the May time roses blow.
Rain today and blow tomorrow;
Skies o'ercast with leaden gloom;
Bid goodbye to doubt and sorrow—
Soon the April buds will bloom.

Seas of mud spread out before us,
But the sun again will glow,
Flowers will shed their perfume
o'er us
When May breezes softly blow.
Dark today, tomorrow brighter;
Gloom today. Tomorrow's blue
Of the skies will make hearts
lighter—
When the crocuses peep through.

Brain Leaks

A lot of people worry about unblanketed horses on a cold day and never give a thought to unfed and unclothed children.

The man who thinks that the world owes him a living is going to meet with trouble if he fails to start out on a collecting tour.

The worst feature about a severe snow storm is the stories the "oldest inhabitants" tell about worse ones before you were born.

As long as cane poles can be bought for a dime and a hook and line for a nickel, what's the use of worrying about our ex-presidents?

A widow smeared with the fingerprints of children may not be a commendation of a mother's housewifery, but it is a compliment to her motherhood.

Human life is cheap if we consider only the first payment made down here. But people who purchase it cheaply will find it a dear bargain hereafter.

A New York physician takes a column to express his opinion of the grip. We could do it in a half dozen lines, but our respect for the \$4,000 linotype machine prevents.

A lawyer settles up a million dollar estate in a couple or three months and gets \$75,000 for it; that's professional. The doctor pulls you back from the jaws of death and you kick on paying him \$10; that's natural.

There was a time when we would stand any sort of discomfort in order to be able to wear a new pair of shoes; now we will undergo all sorts of complaints from the missus about being careless before we will discard the old ones.

When a man remains at home and cares for the baby a couple of hours while his wife runs down town to buy a few necessary articles, he imagines that he is entitled to being pointed out as the Model Husband of the City.

When a man learns a few phrases from Shakespeare he poses as a "Shakespearean scholar." A lot of people who never read or heard one of Shakespeare's plays dearly love to tell how much they enjoy the "Bard of Avon." They make us tired.

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