



May Thoughts

The bright sun is shining and clear is the sky;
The wind bears the perfumes of May.

The river is calling as it hurries by,
"The fish must be biting today!"
O, where is the boy that will dig me the bait?

O, where is my rod and my reel?
The river is calling—no longer I'll wait—
Away from the office I'll steal!

The birds loudly singing invite me to stroll
Through meadow and woodland and dell;

The meadow lark's call finds response in my soul—
Temptation beset me—I fell.
I answer the lure of the murmuring stream;

I'm off with my rod and my reel.
Down there where the water with sunlight's agleam
Away from the office I'll steal.

The flowers are nodding along the wide lane,
Are nodding a welcome to me.
The wanderlust calling invites me again

To cast off my care and be free.
O, where is the boy with the freckles and tan?
O, where is my rod and my reel?

I'm off with that boy with the bait in the can—
Away from the office I'll steal!

Busy

"What makes you look so tired?"
"I've been automobiling."
"Ride far?"
"No; dodged."

Defined

"Papa, what is a roof garden?"
"A roof garden, my son, is where they often raise scandal and legal complications and divorces and opportunities for district attorneys to neglect a great deal of important business."

Obscure

"What's all this joking about the 'merry widow' hat?" queried Singleman.
"I'm blest if I know," remarked Doubleun, nervously fingering the bill for the latest one in the neighborhood.

Amateurish

"You are the first woman I ever loved," he whispered, diminishing by two inches the distance of six feet between their chairs.
"Pardon me, Harold," replied the fair maiden, "but it is a waste of time to mention the obvious."

At Last

Lazily the pigs were flying through the circumambient atmosphere. The river murmured with glee as it gently chased itself up the hill, and the fish sang merrily from the boughs of the trees.

The blazing moon shone brightly upon the busy throng that hurried to noonday lunch; the messenger boys ran speedily in order that their messages might be swiftly delivered, and the man taking up a collection for the umpire was already loaded down with silver and gold pieces.

It was a great day, and the people rejoiced at the favorable signs.
Realizing that all these things had

come to pass they felt certain that the friends of the tariff were well nigh done with their task of revising that great principle—and revising it in the interests of the people who have to put up the money.

In Line

"Richerly seems about to achieve his ambition to die poor."
"How is he going about it?"
"It is announced that each of his three daughters is to marry a foreign prince, his oldest boy is 'angel' for a comic opera company, and his youngest boy has gone to New York to show Wall Street speculators a few things about finance."

The First

The new congressman was walking down Pennsylvania avenue. An elderly gentleman with a cigar tilted at an angle of forty-five degrees passed by and tipped his hat.
"My re-election is assured," ejaculated the new congressman.
"How?" asked his wife.
"That was Speaker Cannon. Did you notice that he recognized me? That was the first time, and I've asked for it a hundred."

In Philadelphia

Who said Philadelphia is slow? Why, Philadelphia is rapidly getting abreast of the times. Here is the Philadelphia Record printing the story of the boy who was given the wheel by the ship's captain and told to steer by a certain star. An hour later, the boy having gone to sleep, he called the captain and said: "Give me another star; I've passed that one."

The next thing we know the Philadelphia Record will be printing the story of Noah and the Ark and putting a slug head over it on the first page under the misapprehension that it is current news. Philadelphia is forging ahead rapidly.

Coming After

After the berries the melons,
A sweetly cheering thought;
After the melons the punkin
In big pies to be wrought;
And what is it comes after these things,
The cooking, preparing and fuss,
The berries and melons and punkins,
O, now I remember, it's us.
—Houston Post.

After the berries and melons,
After the punkin pie;
After the eating and filling,
A sudden pang—O, my!
Ah, what is it comes after these things?
Ipecac, pepsin and pills;
Cramps, indigestion and colic,
And doctors with gigantic bills.

The Facts

"Now, look here," remarked the big employer to the employe whom he had called into the office for consultation on political matters, "you workmen ought to look at these questions with unbiased minds. Why do you decry 'government by injunction,' as you call it. Do you not know that the injunction writ is—"
"I guess we have been mistaken about this 'government by injunction business,'" admitted the employe.

"Now I'm glad to hear you make that important admission," exclaimed the employer. Perhaps we can now—
"I was just about to say when you

interrupted," drawled the employe, "that it ain't government by injunction that is hurting us. It's this awful misgovernment by injunction. If you'll just help us remedy that I guess we can—"

But before the employe could conclude the employer had instructed the bookkeeper to make out his time.

The Thief

I saw the dainty little miss
Asleep at close of day—
I gently stole a little kiss,
Then softly stole away.

Books Worth Reading

The following books are recommended to divers and sundry people named below who may be in need of wholesome reading matter:
For the people who are suffering from unjust taxation—"Self Help," President Roosevelt and William H. Taft—"We Two," by Edna Lyall. The Newspaper Publishers' Association—"The Call of the Wild," by Jack London.

John D. Rockefeller—"The Right of Way," by Gilbert Parker.
E. H. Harriman—"The Hero of Erie," by James Barnes.

William H. Taft—"Tarry Thou Till I Come," by George Croley.
Charles Warren Fairbanks—"The Gentleman from Indiana," by Booth Tarkington.

Joseph Pulitzer—"Lying Prophets," by Eden Phillpotts.

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Nelson W. Aldrich—"The Main Chance," by Meredith Nicholson.

Joseph Benson Foraker—"The Ragged Edge," by John T. McIntyre.

After A While

We'll insist upon revision
After while, after while!
That's our ultimate decision—
After while!
Not till after the election
For we dare not risk rejection
In our campaign fund collection—
After while, After while!

We'll give Filipinos freedom
After while, after while!
But just now we sadly need 'em
All the while.
Must have some excuse for spending
Money in a stream unending—
Tariff taxes keep on sending.
All the while, all the while.

We'll choke off the corporations
After while, after while
We will make big demonstrations
After while.
But just now, you see, we need 'em.
And for campaign "fat" we'll bleed 'em,
But we'll give the people freedom.
After while.

Brain Leaks

The "water wagon" is run by will power.
"Bad luck" gets the blame for a lot of laziness.
Compromising with sin is accepting wage from Satan.
Fight the devil with water—fire is his favorite weapon.
Having faith in God means having faith in your fellows.
Many brave men become perturbed at the sight of a black cloud.
Credit is a good thing until stretched so far it hits a man on the rebound.
When everybody says a man is "all right" it means that he is wrong somewhere.
Most of the self-made men we see spend a great deal of their time on their pride.
After a woman marries a man to save him she usually has all she can do to take care of herself.
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