



Real Music

You may talk about Beethoven, of Mozart and Reubenstein, For their music may be bully—but another kind for mine. You may talk about sonatas with their low and swelling chords, Or about those airy nothings that are called "songs without words." And your rhapsodies and fugues, with their trills and roundelays May be counted as artistics and entitled to your praise. But the music that best suits me with its swelling cadence sweet Is the clatter of the binder in the fields of waving wheat.

Mendelsohn was some musician, and of course you ought to know Paganini was the master of the fiddle and the bow.

Paderewski is a wonder when he paws his yellow hair And gets busy with the iv'ry, thumping on the keys for fair. And there's Sousa with his brasses playing marches full of swing Till you feel your feet a-tapping while the very echoes ring. But the music that will hold me, make my happiness complete, Is the clatter of the binder in the fields of waving wheat.

You can hear the song of plenty rise above the rolling plain As the busy binder clatters through the fields of golden grain. You can hear the happy laughter that about the land is spread When the music of the binder means a busy world well fed. For across the hills and valleys sound the chorus of content, Till the world joins in the singing of the people's betterment. And the summer air is freighted with the harvest music sweet As the busy binder clatters through the fields of waving wheat.

The Unexpected

The home team is at bat for the last time. Three men on bases, two out, two strikes on the latter, and three scores needed to tie and four to win.

The favorite home run slugger is at bat. The fans are on the tip-toe of expectancy. It is one of those moments in which the base ball enthusiast lives a century, seemingly. It all depends upon the batter.

The pitcher grinds the ball into the palm of his hand, expectorates upon it, braces his leg, swings his strong right arm three times around his head and shoots it over.

The home run slugger, every muscle taut as a piano string and his eyes glaring with a fixed purpose, steps slightly forward and swings his bat with all the force at his command.

"Whack!" But it is a pop-up to short and the game is over.

We've heard about it being different under the same circumstances, bat with all the force at his command for about three decades we've failed to see it.

Dodged

"Please, mum, can yer help out a poor feller w'at ain't been able t' git no work an' is pretty nigh almost starved t' death he's so hungry?"

"Indeed I can!" exclaimed Mrs. Busyman. "I have a lawn to mow,

a furnace room to be cleaned out, seven rugs to beat, about three dozen windows to wash, a flowerbed to weed out and a buggy to wash. Come right around the—"

"Thank you, mum," interrupted Dodge Toyle, "I'll go right back t' th' man w'at I had in mind an' tell him where t' come."

A moment later Mrs. Busyman could see nothing down the street save a cloud of dust.

Father Goose

There was a certain man and he had a tariff bill

And the schedules were made out of graft, graft, graft.

He favored coal and steel till he made consumers squeal,

Then he put the blooming buncombe up to Taft, Taft, Taft.

Little Boy Blue, come beat your drum,

The tariff is hoisted to kingdom come.

Where is the man who will head it off?

Out in the country playing golf.

Sing a song of tariff, Schedules full of screws,

Millions of consumers. Suffering from the blues.

When the bill is finished Up the prices go,

Filling the consumers Full of grief and woe.

Taft is in the country Swatting rubber balls,

Taft is in the senate Issuing his calls.

All these tariff tinkers Fill us with disgust—

Every blooming schedule Framed up by a trust.

Perhaps

Colonel Boodlerpest is something of a billiard player; also something of a partisan republican.

"To be sure we promised to revise the tariff downward, and we fully intended to do so. But unfortunately the bill took the reverse English from the senate cushion."

With this explanation the colonel seems content. At any rate he is still a revision downward republican, and supporting the party.

Fortunate

After pondering over the matter for some time Uncle Jeems spat thoughtfully at a June bug and then remarked:

"Well, all I got t' say is that I'm mighty glad little Rhode Island's influence in tariff makin' matters ain't as big in proportion as it might be if she was as big as Texas."

Liberal

"Please, sir," whined Gobson Mudde, "could you give a poor feller a little somethin' t' help him—"

"Sure thing, old man," exclaimed Dustin Pyles. "I'll give you a cake of soap and directions how to reach the creek."

The Penalty

Of course we all love to hear that the wheat crop is immense, and that the raisers are going to prosper. But even this chance to indulge in a little prosperity shouting has its drawbacks.

The bigger and better the wheat crop the louder will talk the old gen-

tleman who sit around in the shade and tell about how many acres of wheat they used to cradle in the old days before Cyrus McCormick got the reaping machine bug in his head.

Practice

"The Jimtown base ball team steals more bases than any other in the country."

"Where did they learn the art?"

"O, their manager took them to the city for spring practice and made them slide for the curb to escape the automobiles."

The Reason

"I understand that wheat speculators in Chicago are complaining about rust in the wheat."

"Well, if they'd have less steal in their wheat deals there wouldn't be so much rust."

Waiting

"How about your new neighbors, Willie?"

"We don't know 'em yet. Ma says she won't be able to tell a thing about 'em until they hang out a washin'."

Coincidence

"I bought this watch on the installment plan."

"What's the answer?"

"And the blamed thing runs that way."

Brain Leaks

True love misses little but makes allowances for much.

Reforms easily accomplished amount to but little.

The man who has never suffered knows little about sympathy.

We can stand to have our opinions abused, but we resent ridicule.

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The worst thing that can happen to some men is an early success.

The man who never does anything is never criticised for what he does.

Lack of pluck is apt to be the reason for a man's complaint about his luck.

In order to work for your best interests you must be interested in your work.

Trouble seems to have wireless connection with the fellow that is looking for it.

A man never adds to his bank account from the proceeds of a harvest of wild oats.

What is a fellow going to do about it when a court fairly invites contempt by its actions?

Some men have an idea that "good fellowship" consists in spending their money for booze.

When a man begins boasting that he "can drink or let it alone" it is time for him to let it alone.

One trouble about being fat is that nobody will believe it when you tell them you are not feeling well.

With hogs around the \$8 mark we are slow to insult the porker by comparing him to some men we know.

The father of five children is usually willing to admit that he knows very little about how to raise children.

Some men think they are unselfish because they are willing to let some other fellow have something they do not want.

It has been a long time since we met an old gentleman who wore a cabbage leaf in his hat to ward off sunstroke.

Honestly now, isn't it a fact that the two best features of a vacation consist of looking forward to it and back at it?

The city man who spent the first weeks of May boasting about his garden is strangely silent on that subject now.

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