



# Whether Common or Not

By Will M. Maupin.

### Foolish Rhymes

When many fiction writers try  
Their thought to give us hot,  
We get e-rot-ic novels, with  
The accent on the rot.  
—Lippincott's.

When some hairdressers seek to give  
Us hair to fit the hat,  
We get er-rat-ic coiffures, with  
The accent on the rat.  
—Boston Traveler.

And when the fisher leaves the pool  
And gladly home does hie,  
We get some li-kely stories, with  
The accent on the lie.  
—Topeka Capital.

And when some fellows go down-  
town  
At night, they make the bull  
Of coming home quite beauti-ful,  
With the accent on the ful.  
—Denver Post.

Now here we have the daily rhyme,  
Though not as fierce as some,  
Penned by the office bum-pkin, with  
The accent on the bum.  
—Atlanta Georgian.

And when our readers come across  
The stuff that's written thus,  
They mutter cus-tonary words  
With the accent on the cus.

### Cautious

Mrs. Nubride—"Are you a re-  
porter?"

Wright A. Lott—"Yes, madam; I  
represent the Daily Whirl."

Mrs. Nubride—"I am willing to  
tell you all I can about our wedding,  
but you must promise not to print a  
list of the wedding presents, nor to  
refer to them in any way."

Wright A. Lott—"I'll promise,  
but what is your reason? Usually  
people want full publicity given to  
the wedding presents."

Mrs. Nubride—"It's all right for  
people who want to run the risk,  
but I don't want the assessor to have  
any line on our personal property."

### Inter-State Note

"Why is it that none of the Rhode  
Island cities belong to one or the  
other of the big leagues?"

"Easy enough—the inter-state  
commerce laws prevent it."

"How do you make that out?"

"A two-base hit on the Rhode  
Island grounds would land in the  
next state."

"Well,"

"Well, if a batter hit it for the  
next state and a fielder stopped it,  
wouldn't he be liable to arrest for  
interfering with inter-state traffic?  
Think of the length of a game with  
all those complications constantly  
arising."

### The Witnesses

"My statement that the present  
tariff law is the best ever devised is  
easily proved by hundreds of com-  
petent witnesses," exclaimed the  
stand-pat orator who was campaign-  
ing for re-election to congress.

Having just paid the month's gro-  
cery, meat and shoe bill we were in-  
clined to be skeptical.

"Please call your witnesses," we  
remarked modestly.

"Why, sir," shouted the orator, "I  
have but to mention the wool trust  
magnates, the glass trust magnates,  
the meat trust magnates, the cord-  
age trust magnates, the hide and

leather trust magnates, the textile  
trust magnates, the steel trust mag-  
nates, the coal trust magnates, the  
cereal trust magnates, and scores of  
other men who have given their  
lives to intelligent study of the tariff  
question. These experts have—"

But at this juncture we turned  
hopelessly away, once more con-  
vinced that our only financial salva-  
tion lay in eating less and wearing  
last summer's clothing, hats and  
shoes.

### The Seer

To W—m H—d T—t: Beware of  
an athletic looking man with vis-  
ible molars. If he heaves in sight  
with a big stick, dodge!

To S—y B—r: Beware of meet-  
ing a man with a French name in  
the forests. The evidences multiply  
that for you the wise course is to  
gracefully retire and take no more  
chances.

J—h G. C—n: Beware of Mis-  
sourians quoting poetry and the  
scriptures.

T—e R—t: The dispatches from  
Reno are suggestive. As yet not  
one of them has succeeded in "com-  
ing back."

### Calling Money

Money is "tin" to the roofer,  
To the butcherman it is "bones,"  
The circus man speaks of his  
"rhino,"  
"Quids" the tobacconist owns.

"Chink" doth the laundryman term  
it,  
Taxidermists "the stuff,"  
It's "dough," of course to the baker,  
And "bucks" to the hunter rough.

The cobbler refers to his "booty,"  
Of his "wad" the gunmaker talks,  
It is "plunks" to the banjo teacher,  
And the quarryman calls it  
"rocks."

—Boston Transcript.

Electricians call it "currentcy,"  
And printermen call it "slugs,"  
Plumbers all call it "solder,"  
And barbers all call it "bugs."

No matter what they call it,  
Or how, or where, or when,  
It's awfully hard of hearing,  
Though you call and call again.

### A Graduate's Retort

"I presume," growled the Chronic  
Grouch to the newly graduated col-  
legian, "that you imagine you are  
now prepared to set the world on  
fire with your knowledge."

"Not at all sir," modestly re-  
plied the graduate. "I can only hope  
that during my college career I im-  
bibed enough knowledge to enable  
me to avoid the fool mistakes you  
have made."

### Safe and Sane

"Did you enjoy a 'safe and sane'  
Fourth of July?"

"You bet I did, and I made noise,  
too."

"How's that?"

"Sat in the cellar all day and  
popped paper bags."

### Brain Leaks

Youth can not come back.  
The easiest way to have is to  
hustle and hold.

Next to youth the greatest thing  
in life is a serene old age.

With the children at home it is  
so noisy you can't work; and with

them all away it is so lonesome you  
can't work. So what's the use?

The older we get the worse we  
hate to sleep in a strange bed.

Our friends often embarrass us  
more than our enemies annoy us.

Pity we can not put hogs of the  
"end seat" variety on the market.

Some men take an interest in poli-  
tics; other men "go into politics."

Even a little cottage gets too big  
for comfort when all the kiddies are  
away.

Ever notice how proud the house-  
wife is when she can say to the caller,  
"My housecleaning is all done?"

Perhaps they call 'em "chantecler  
hats" because they take all the mon-  
ey a man's got except a little "chick-  
en feed."

The advance notices and the real  
performance of Halley's comet some-  
how or other reminds us of republi-  
can campaign promises and republi-  
can administration fulfillment.

In spite of all we can do to kill  
them the dandelions still grow in the  
front yard. And in spite of all we  
can do to propagate them, the roses  
we plant in the front yard persist in  
dying. Will we ever learn the  
reason?

Some of the people who laughed  
at the story of the Iowa man who  
is digging a cave to hide from the  
comet, are the same people who buy  
an almanac every year and believe  
that the man who wrote it can fore-  
tell the weather for ten or twelve  
months ahead.

### AN OBJECT LESSON

Picture No. 1 shows a young man  
and a young girl all in white stand-  
ing in the gloaming beside a lily.

"What a superb lily," said the  
girl.

"Isn't it?" said the man.

"Let me show you something,"  
he said.

Picture No. 2 shows the young  
man bending over the lily and the  
girl watching him in startled fawn  
fashion.

"I am going to tie this string  
around this lily," said the man.

"But why?" asked the girl.

"You'll hurt it won't you?"

"You'll see," said the man.

In picture No 3 the man is lean-  
ing against a garden wall with his  
arms folded. He looks sad and the  
girl is also looking sad. Both are  
looking down, as dejected as if they  
had opened a potato hill and found  
no potatoes in it.

The next day the girl and the man  
came back to the lily. It was dead.

The juice could not rise to the  
flower and it starved to death.

"Oh, what a shame," said the  
girl.

But that evening she loosened her  
corset.—Atchison, Kan., Globe.

### NATIONAL BASEBALL

Uncle Joe Cannon has "lost control;"  
Big Bill Taff's in an awful "hole;"  
Aldrich says that his "whip" is lame;  
And plans next season to quit the  
game;

R. A. Ballinger's out of the clover  
With "two strikes" called and the  
third one "over;"

There's a grand old slump in the  
g. o. p.

From Massachusetts to Tennessee,  
As the frantic coaches, far and wide,  
Are clamoring "Slide, you lobsters,  
slide;"

For the "pennant winners" of former  
years  
The prospects rather flat—  
It doesn't look like it used to look,  
When Teddy was at the bat.

—Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

He—"Farewell, my darling. I  
hope you will remain true to me."

She (through her tears)—"I hope  
so, too."—Fliegende Blatter.

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