



Whether Common or Not

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The Singer and the Song

The singer sang, his heart aflame
With Freedom's holy light.
He sang for love and not for fame;
His highest hope and dearest aim
To hold aloft the right.

Stilled was his pen! His work complete,
The singer sang no more.
He thought his song with rythm sweet,
With love for humankind replete,
Lost in the mad world's roar.

A song of hope and joy and cheer
Set hearts to beating light.
It banished sorrow's falling tear,
Dispelled the clouds of doubt and fear,
And all the world grew bright.

Forgot the singer! But the song
Still stirs the hearts of men.
When bowed beneath the tyrant's wrong
They sing it in a chorus strong
And stand free men again.

What He Means

"I am in favor of the unions when they are properly conducted," said Mr. Roosevelt at Fargo.
"Phwat does he mane by 'properly conducted?'" asked Mr. Hennessey.
"Thot's an aisy one," replied Mr. Dooley. "A 'properly conducted' union is one that has no strike clause, no rules, no binefits, no dues, hardly iny wages and mighty few mimbers."

Should Be Different

"Isn't it the truth that 'politics make strange bedfellows?'"
"Yes, and I wish it were equally true that politics made a lot more familiar cellmates."

Extracts From Recent Fiction

"At seventy yards I made a clean miss, but upon creeping to windward and getting within sixty yards I shot the male as it stood, and caught the female running with a pretty shot behind the shoulder."

"No sooner had I given the bull elephant the contents of the right barrel, sending him to the ground to welter in his gore, than I heard a crash in the jungle behind me. It was the female elephant, and I caught her squarely in the heart at the first shot."

"It was most exciting sport. As the birds flew in every direction I used my pump gun as rapidly as I could pull the trigger. Right and left I caught them, and at the end of thirty minutes I found that sixty-seven of the beautiful birds had fallen before my aim."

"My first shot enraged the hippo, and it came after me with an angry roar. I let it have another express bullet in the right eye, but even that did not stop it. My gun bearers fled in affright, but I never flinched. Just as the hippo was about to rip me with its huge tusks I luckily happened to hit it in a vital spot, and it fell so close that its life blood spurted out and fairly drenched me. It was noble sport."

"Seven hartebeests, nine ostriches, eleven elephants, five giraffes, two hippos, a gazelle and five female monkeys were added to my game bag during the afternoon. We would have had a day of really good sport had it not been for the fact that my

trigger finger was paralyzed by over-exertion long before sundown."

A prize of seven dollars in business college currency will be given to the subscriber submitting the first correct guess as to the identity of the author of the book from which the above might have been taken.

The Kiss of Daisy Bliss

Don't let him kiss your hand,
Daisy Bliss;
Don't ever let him do it,
Pretty Miss;
There's danger in the act,
Of osculation—'tis a fact,
'Tis subtle—the impact,
Daisy Bliss.
—New York Sun.

Don't heed the horrid sun,
Daisy Bliss;
In a kiss there's lots of fun,
Daisy Bliss;
It's a thing that no one misses,
And, besides, these very kisses
Often make a Miss a Mrs.,
Daisy Bliss.
—Rochester Post-Express.

Just to hear these news men talk,
Daisy Bliss;
We girls know how they'd balk,
Sister Bliss,
If we didn't kiss at all
Or they thought we'd kiss at call—
We use tact, or else we pall,
Daisy Bliss.
—Boston Transcript.

Do you note the Boston dame,
Daisy Bliss
Seems to think she plays the game,
Daisy Bliss,
Yet the kisses of these shes,
As each chronicler agrees,
When they plant 'em always freeze
Daisy Bliss.
—Exchange.

Let all these fellows rave,
Daisy Bliss;
Only make of me your slave,
With a kiss,
And straightway they'll expire
With envious desire,
For you've set the town afire,
Dainty Miss.
—Chicago Examiner.

Any time you drop around,
Daisy Bliss;
In my office I'll be found,
Daisy Bliss,
You can take it, kid, from me,
That we'll have a kissing bee.
Make it "eight" or "ten" or "three,"
Daisy Bliss.
—Nashville Tennessean.

If a kiss to all you gave,
Daisy Bliss;
You would find an early grave,
Little Miss;
Cut the "kunnel" and the rest,
Take a little jaunt out west;
We Nebraskans kiss the best,
Daisy Bliss.
—Lincoln Star.

Pass those jibing rhymesters by,
Daisy Bliss.
On this kiss game they are shy,
Daisy Bliss.
Let your Uncle Fuller show
How this kissing game should go—
With his practice he should know,
Daisy Bliss.

Sarcastic

"It strikes me," remarked the old-time printer as he laid aside the current issue of "The Outlook" and lighted his pipe anew, "that the lino-

type operator who sets the Rooseveltian manuscript must have an awful time keeping the cap "I" channel of his Mergenthaler equipped."

Mary and Her Lamb

Mary had a little lamb;
Its fleece was white as snow
And worth a very pretty price—
The tariff made it so.

"What makes the lamb love Mary so?"
The children asked the teacher.
"O, Aldrich has by cunning ways
Made it a precious creature."

The Curriculum

"I hear that yer son Bill is goin' t' college this winter."
"Yes, he's gone already," replied Farmer Oatsbin.
"What line is he goin' t' take up?"
"I don't exactly know, but from th' tone of his letters I judge he's goin' t' take football, tennis, hammer throwin', hurdlin', shot puttin' an Pi Mega Phi. What gits me is what that last thing is."

Convinced

"I never believed in advertising until now," declared the sad-faced man.
"And what has convinced you?"
I asked, being a newspaper man and therefore interested in the matter of advertising.

"I saw what a rushing business the sheriff did selling my stock of goods after advertising it only four times."

Resting Easy

"Those union men had a fine parade this morning," said Mr. Capital.
"Yes," replied Mr. Stocksonbonds, "but they were a great deal closer together this morning than they will be on election day."
Whereupon Mr. Capital chirked up and felt considerably better.

Not Guilty

"I denounce as untrue the charge that I have accepted bribes to vote for any man or measure," shouted Senator Graball.
Knowing that he made it a practice to make up his mind before taking the money I could see how a man with Graball's conscience could ease it in that way.

Father Goose Rhymes

Old King Graft leaned back and laughed
At all the fuss and fume and stir;
He'd not forget in the cabinet
Were a Wickersham and Ballinger.

Brain Leaks

The worst never happens.
It is easy to forgive those we love.
Cheer up! Next year's peach buds have not yet been blighted.

The partisan can always find an excuse for voting the ticket straight. Special interests are not much given to parading, but they always vote together on election day.

The trouble about the average vacation is that it takes a fellow so long to recover from its fatigue. In the eyes of the Almighty it doesn't make much difference which side of the saloon bar a man does business on.

When we get so old we don't feel like hurrying to the window when the fire department goes by, we'll be ready for the undertaker.

A lot of men who howl loudest about their "personal liberties" never give a thought to the rights of the wives and children dependent upon them.

Some men can solemnly state the fact that two and two are four, and there will be those so thoroughly partisan as to declare it the utterance of a newly discovered truth.

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